



The Knickerbockers

Church Planting in Burkina Faso

May 2013

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

First Meeting out West

Several Months ago, Pastor Barclay called me to see if Julie and I would be able to come to Loveland Colorado for the Missions Conference of Hope Baptist Church. I notified brother Barclay that we were already booked for every Sunday of that month in the East coast; however, I also let him know that we would be happy to be present Monday through Wednesday to finish the Conference if that was alright with him. We thank the Lord that it was possible to make that arrangement. We got really excited to go to Colorado and meet Hope Baptist Church, a new church plant, established in September of 2011. We had a wonderful time with the members of the Church and with Bro. O'Malley and his wife. We also enjoyed some sight seeing at Estes Park. During our time in the mountains, we met some French men who had flown from France to Colorado for a conference on cardiology. We praise God for this encounter which allowed us to present to them what God had called us to do. It never ceases to amaze us how many unpredictable meetings and encounters God allows us to experience while we travel across America. On the last evening of the conference, Pastor let us know that the church would take us on as their missionaries to Burkina Faso!

Half way

As Hope Baptist Church committed to take us on, we rejoiced in the fact that this would put us over 50% of our needed financial support. Thank God for His leading and providing hand in our lives! Our deputation journey may be shorter than we expected. We had originally set our departure date for December of 2014, but it seems that The Lord might have plans for us to be leaving earlier. Please keep praying that we would reach a 100% by the end of this year.

"Burkina Faso on my mind"

On an Early January morning in Athens, Georgia, Pastor Smith was shaving in preparation for the day. All of a sudden, the words "Burkina Faso" entered his mind to stay. Later that morning, I called pastor Smith in hopes of Scheduling a meeting with him and the church. Much to my surprise and to his, Pastor let me know, although he could not explain why, that Burkina Faso had been on his mind all morning! We praise the Lord, that although we were unaware of the situation before we called, He placed us and our field of ministry on a pastor's heart and we were quickly able to schedule a meeting for the end of May.

As the time drew nigh, Pastor Smith informed me that he would be absent for the Sunday that we had scheduled, but he still desired for us to come and present our ministry in his absence. We had a wonderful time with his son and daughter in law who are the youth directors. Julie and I left that church greatly encouraged to meet another couple in our age group, who were excited to be in the Lord's work and happily serving Him. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance,
to speak the mystery of Christ," - Colossians 4:3*

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Birthdays

Stephen 9/15
Julie 9/26
Anniversary 8/7

Praises

- We are at **51%** of our needed financial support.
- We have recovered from our 2nd degree burns
- Very encouraging conferences and meetings this month.
- We were blessed to have some great time with family. Dad also made it back to France safely.

Prayer Request

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel**
- Protection on the road**
- Wisdom in scheduling meetings**
- More supporting churches**
- Endurance as we present our ministry and burden**
- 100% of needed support by the end of the year**
- Safety as we fly to California and Puerto Rico**
- We are heading to Texas for meetings**
- Family Week with our mission Agency**