

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

August 2013

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Dropping In

Every now and then, we have an opening in our schedule which gives us the opportunity to drop into an unplanned church meeting for a visit. As I contacted a pastor to confirm our time with him and his church, the pastor informed me that we would have to reschedule for a later date. This opened our schedule for one unscheduled visit for the month of August, and so we chose a church near our temporary residence and attended their Sunday evening service. We were immediately welcomed and asked of the reason for our visit which we gladly explained. Eventually, the missions director introduced himself to us and asked us for a prayer card to give to the pastor. As the meeting began, the pastor introduced us before the congregation and said that if I would come up and lead them in prayer for today's offering, that they would add us to their missions family, beginning next month with financial support. This was quite a surprise! It is very unusual for a church to take on a missionary in this quick manner, without the missionary ever being scheduled to show up or share anything about the field where he will be working. This would have never happened unless our previous meeting with another church had been canceled. Even though things don't always go the way we want them to, this was a great reminder to us that God is in full control and it is exciting to see Him at work. We praise Him for this wonderful surprise!

Full Speed Ahead

Summer time for missionaries is typically a fairly calm time, and so it was for us. We look forward to the adventures coming up for the remainder of 2013! September will be comprised of meetings from one end of Texas to the other with several Missions Conferences. Before the end of September, we will be heading to California where we will stay for a month of meetings, filled with several missions conferences as well. We will then head to New York, stopping in Kansas and Missouri for meetings along the way. November will be comprised of meetings in four different states. All this traveling will then be followed by our survey trip to Burkina Faso in December.

First Year's Report

We praise the Lord that, after one year of full time deputation, we are currently receiving 57% of our needed financial support. We have presented our ministry before 95 different churches and have 35 supporting churches. We are still hoping to hear from several churches who have showed unusual interest in our lives and ministry. We thank God for every single church that He has allowed us to be in, and we are grateful for the 80+ meetings scheduled ahead of us. Thank you for your prayers and support.
In Christ,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves" - James 1:22*

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel
- Protection on the road: we are traveling a lot this month!
- Wisdom in scheduling meetings for next year
- More supporting churches
- Endurance as we present our ministry and burden to churches
- 100% of needed support by the end of the year

Praises

- The car is running well
- We enjoyed spending time with family this summer- it is quickly coming to an end.
- **We have received our visas to Burkina Faso for December's trip!**
- Four new churches have decided to take us on for support.
- A church has provided the funds for a new camera
- Several churches and one specific individual have contributed extra gifts this month, which will go directly to our funds for our

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Birthdays

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