

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

September 2013

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

French Connections

As the Lord allowed us to schedule meetings in Texas, we had the preconceived notion that most of these churches would be out in the desert, with church members wearing cowboy hats and boots. Even though we did encounter some, many of the churches we visited in Texas actually had several international members. Much to our surprise, we were privileged to meet several individuals who came from a French speaking country. During one of our meetings in Corpus Christi, we met a young man who came to the USA from France on a Tennis Scholarship. We thoroughly enjoyed his testimony: how he transitioned to coaching, and the Lord used one of his coworkers to invite him to church, allowing him to trust Christ as his personal savior. He is still coaching and he is now inviting his tennis students to his home church. We also presented our ministry in McAllen, where we met two French speaking ladies: one from Haiti, the other from Ivory Coast. It was such a joy for us to converse in French with these dear folks and to hear their desire for God to do a great work amongst French speaking people around the world. During a mission conference in Bursleson, we also met two young men who have been called to the be missionaries with a specific interest in the French language. It was a privilege for me to encourage these future missionaries and exhort them to be excited about God's calling on their lives.

From Texas To California

Well, our time in Texas has ended and we are now in California. We are thankful to the Lord for allowing us to stay with Uncle Dan and Aunt Anne-Marie Knickerbocker during this time in our deputation journey. We have presented our ministry in 31 different churches, and we have already heard back from 10 who said they were going to take us on for financial support. Praise God for this wonderful report! We are still praying to hear back from many other churches, that we may reach 100% by the end of the year. Thank you for all those who have joined us in praying for this goal.

God Keeps Providing!

We are so thankful to finally be able to say that we are now receiving 60% of our needed financial support! We also praise the Lord for providing all the money we needed for our trip to Burkina in December. Above and beyond, we have been blessed this month, specifically for our birthdays, by many individuals and churches. On Stephen's birthday was our 100th deputation meeting. After presenting our ministry in the evening meeting, the pastor felt that it would be a perfect gift to vote as a church to take us on as their new missionaries! Also, just as it happened last month, we had a meeting cancel for the first sunday evening of the month. Once again, we decided to "drop-in" to a church service, and just like the week before, we were given the opportunity to talk about Burkina Faso and show our video presentation. Then, after Stephen sat down and before the preaching began, the church voted to take us on for prayer and financial support! This same event had just happened the week before and we never thought God would let it happen again so quickly- yet He did! We surely serve a wonderful God!
In Christ,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth it not, to him it is sin" - James 4:17*

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel
- 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
- We are constantly speaking French in the car to get used to it once again. Pray as we will both be ministering in French during our stay in Burkina and France this December.
- We will be driving from CA to NY at the end of the month.
- Medical Bills from the ER and Asthma Clinic visits.
- Julie's health to be back to normal.

Praises

- Enjoyed fellowship with missionary friends from college.
- We are receiving 60% of needed financial support.
- We drove 1500 miles in a day and a half to reach California: The Lord protected us; no car problems.
- After being very sick last month, Julie now has a diagnosis: Asthma. We praise the Lord for knowing what was wrong and for available treatments.

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Birthdays

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