

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

March 2014

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Big News

We are excited to announce that we are expecting a little Knickerbocker! Baby is due to arrive October 4th. Please pray for Julie as traveling has been a bit of a challenge with her morning sickness. Help us pray that this child would be healthy and that there would be no complications with the pregnancy. We had originally begun praying about moving to the field in the beginning of August. We are looking forward to getting to the field and are still praying about this date, meaning that Julie would give birth in Burkina Faso. She has complete peace about this. Please help us pray that the Lord would give us complete guidance in this matter. We also need to pack our personal belongings and figure out what types of things a baby needs and pack them as well.

Ordination

The Lord gave us a great ordination service on the 26th of March. My father, Missionary Peter Knickerbocker, flew in from France for the ordination service. It was a tremendous encouragement to have my father present for this special event. I thank God for my godly earthly father who has had the biggest influence in my life. Pastor Sexton preached a sobering message on finishing our course with joy. "When we start our ministry, we need to think of how we want to finish". The sermon may be viewed at templebaptistchurch.com.

Why did Christ Die?

This past month, God gave me the privilege to converse with two teenagers who were selling snacks in a parking lot. I asked them if they knew who Jesus was and they replied that "He is the son of God". I took the discussion a step further and asked them if they knew why Christ died on the cross. They replied that they did not know (these two young men attend a Baptist Church). I told them that our sin sends us to hell, but that Christ died for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world to reconcile us to God through Faith in Christ. One of the young men exclaimed in relief: "really!". It was a joy to speak with these two boys and leave my contact information with them if they had any questions concerning what I told them. Praise God for the opportunity to teach God's word to young people who took the time to listen. May we seize every opportunity that God brings our way to ask souls around us what they believe and speak God's word to them, that they may know Christ. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord.

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"...That I might finish my course with joy..." - Acts 20:24

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel
- More supporting churches
- That we would be a blessing to pastors and the churches we visit.
- We are praying about a specific date to move to Burkina Faso.
- God's provision for the finances to get started in Burkina Faso.
- We slowly need to begin buying the smaller, necessary items we will be shipping to Burkina with us.
- For safety as we travel.
- Safe and healthy pregnancy.

Praises

- First baby due in October.
- Baby is healthy.
- We are receiving 94% of our needed financial support!
- Julie's overall health has greatly improved since her change in diet.

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Birthdays

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