

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

April 2014

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

It's a Boy!

During Julie's last check up, we found out that we are expecting a baby boy. We are completely thrilled! Julie has already enjoyed going baby shopping quite a bit and now has a small baby bump. The doctor said the baby is healthy, and we will have another check up at the end of the month to check up on all the anatomical and growth details. Please keep Julie in your prayers as she will be meeting with a hematologist on May 8th. Her blood counts have always been reasonably low, even before this pregnancy, but now the doctors are concerned and she may need specific treatments. Please pray that this situation will get under control and a remedy would be easily available to treat her.

Moving Preparation

The Lord has allowed us to already start purchasing things in Burkina Faso for our future home. Brother Keith Shumaker has notified us of certain items that have been available for a good deal. So far, we have purchased a washing machine and a high chair for our first baby. We thank God for using the Shumaker family to be a blessing and help to us in storing these things for us until we find a dwelling place in Burkina Faso. Please review our website at knickinburkinafaso.com/give to specifically pray for other items that we will need to purchase once we get to the field. Praise God for His provision and for sweet friends who are willing to help! We have also begun purchasing plastic totes, in which we will pack our belongings to bring with us to Burkina. We begin packing this month. Help us pray for patience and diligence as we sort through everything we own, choose what we truly need to keep, and document everything placed in each box.

Departure for Burkina Faso

It is exciting to announce that we are projecting to leave for Burkina Faso around the first week of August. We still have Julie's passport and visa to renew before purchasing the plane tickets, but we trust God to help us get to the field three months from today. Between now and mid-June, we will be in 10 different churches presenting our ministry. Then, we are planning to go up to Canada to visit Julie's family, to say good bye, and to use that opportunity to share the Gospel with them as we explain to them that we are totally given to the furtherance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Following our time in Canada, we will be making the final packing and preparations for our big move across the ocean. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord.

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"...that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest..."

- Hebrews 2:17 -

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel
- Salvation of Julie's extended family in Canada
- Salvation of Stephen's extended family in France
- More supporting churches
- That we would be a blessing to pastors and the churches we visit
- A specific date to purchase tickets 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 97% of our needed financial support!
- Many items we need to buy before we move overseas have been generously provided.

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Birthdays

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