

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

June 2014

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Broken Down to Build Up

Many amazing blessings have come our way from God's hand; perhaps, the greatest blessings are the ones that are disguised. Just before heading to one of our last meetings on deputation, we filled up the car with gas and headed on the road when I realized that the breaks were not functioning correctly, making it nearly impossible to drive the car anywhere. I had to call the pastor of the church we had scheduled that evening to let him know our situation and canceled the meeting. The pastor was very gracious and agreed to reschedule a meeting for our first furlough. There was a mechanic in the gas station who saw me and desired to help. After finding the problem and fixing it, I reached over to my wallet to thank him with a monetary gift accompanied with a Gospel tract. This young man became emotional and began to tell me how he had run out of gas at the station with his wife and two children, having no money. He said that God must have made our car fail for a good reason. I asked him about his spiritual condition, to which he replied that he was born again but was out of Church and knew he and his family needed to be in church. We exchanged contact information and visited them a few days later to see how we could encourage this struggling family. We thank the Lord for allowing us to cross paths with this young family to help them spiritually. This was the first time we had to cancel a meeting and we could not be happier the brakes went out as we were reminded that God has greater plans than our own. Please pray for Adam, his wife, and two boys.

Eyes on Burkina Faso

The month of June has brought our deputation ministry to an end. We are now looking forward to the next big event on our calendar: our transition to Burkina Faso. Julie's passport is renewed and we have recently purchased our tickets for Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. We will be working on Julie's visa renewal this month and are praying for no complications with the Burkina Faso embassy. Our departure will be out of Atlanta, GA on **Sunday 10th of August 2014 at 2:27 p.m.** Please help us pray as we will need to make preparations to bring our luggages to the airport and coordinate airport trips with people we know. We praise the Lord for providing a travel agent that helped us get a good deal on our tickets. We are still waiting for information on how to handle and process the extra luggages we plan to bring with us on the plane. Please pray that every thing would go smoothly as we process this information and make proper arrangements.

Family Time in Canada

Currently in Canada, we are spending time with Julie's family and praise the Lord for several opportunities to share the Gospel and what we believe from God's word with them. We praise the Lord for the opportunities we have had to be a good example for our Lord. For the first time, family members did not try to stop spiritual conversation, but gladly encouraged it and asked us many spiritual questions. We even asked to pray before meals, and Julie's mother and her boyfriend gladly joined in with us. We also had the privilege to visit a church plant in Edmundston, NB on our first Sunday in Canada. The missionary and his team who planted the church were once missionaries in the Ivory Coast. It was encouraging to see that although God unexpectedly changed their direction in ministry, they were faithful and continued in the work He had set for them, leading to this specific church plant. Julie and I have been praying for a church to be started in Havre-St-Pierre, QC where Julie's father works. God has answered our prayer with Church Planter Wes Burns, who arrived last year with a burden for the North shore of Quebec. It was a joy for me to help with the distribution efforts of the Gospel in this area. Please pray for the Church in Havre-St-Pierre. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"...despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth..."

- Hebrews 12:5-6 -

Departure:

08-10-2014

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
- God's provision for the finances as we check in lots of luggages, pay for visas, and get started in Burkina Faso
- For safety as we travel
- For Julie's Complete Blood Count to go up. It should be between 150-350 thousand. Her's is at 52 thousand and doctors are a bit concerned.

Praises

- First baby due in October.
- Baby is healthy.
- Tickets are purchased**
- Many items we need to buy before we move overseas have been generously provided for and purchased.

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Birthdays

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

DEPUTATIONREPORT

Let us tell you what great things God has done!



Statistics

Churches Contacted:

4,300+

Meetings Scheduled:

159

Mission Conferences:

32

Miles Driven:

73,000

Speaking Opportunities:

200+

Supporting Churches:

74

Radio Interviews:

3

Countries Visited:

5

Top Frequented Chains:

Panera Bread

Chick-fil-a

With thousands of phone calls made, the Lord has given us 159 Churches to whom we have had the privilege to present our burden, hearts desire, and ministry for the furtherance of the cause of Christ. So far, we have 74 supporting Churches. We began full-time deputation at the beginning of the month of September 2012, and completed raising our finances in May of 2014. Praise God for allowing us to complete deputation under two years!



Our traveling has led us through 36 different States, Puerto Rico, 2 Provinces of Canada, and the Country of France, totaling at over 73,000 driven miles. Out of the 36 States we have traveled through, 22 of them have at least one of our supporting Churches.

Where we've stayed

- Church Families
- Missions Houses
- Hotels

