

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**July 2014**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Goodbye, but not for long!

We are grateful for the time allotted to spend with family while out of the country. Expecting a child has brought new plans into our lives and into our extended family's lives. Julie's mother and Aunt are now planning to come to Burkina Faso in November to see the country, but mostly, the baby. Julie's dad is also praying about coming for a visit in December, and Stephen's father has already made plans to come in January. Please pray for all these loved one as they will have to get visas and vaccinations before heading our way. Pray we can be a blessing to them, specifically to Julie's aunt who doesn't know the Lord as her personal Savior.

## Final Preparation

We will be spending the first week of August saying goodbye to our friends and church family in the Knoxville area. It is also during this time that we will have our last service at Temple Baptist Church, finish packing our last tote, cancel our car insurance and phone service, attend our last prenatal appointment, and show up for a dental check-up. We praise the Lord that our car is now sold and that a rental van is being leased at a discounted price for the remainder of our traveling. We also praise the Lord for the opportunity to celebrate 4 wonderful years of marriage this August 7th, on which date we will head to Atlanta, rental van packed with 12 totes, 4 suitcases and 2 cary-ons, to prepare for our flight on August 10th at 2:00 PM. Please help us pray that everything would go smoothly as we check in our many bags and pay the extra baggage fees. Also, please pray for Julie as flying for long, sleepless hours will not be easy during her pregnancy.

## Upon Arrival

Burkina Faso is just a few days away! As we arrive in the country, we will need to go through customs to retrieve our baggages. Please help us pray that all our belongings will arrive with us untouched, unharmed, and that we would not have to pay an extensive fee to retrieve them. Also pray that the Lord will give us grace as we talk with the customs agent, knowing we will be very tired and eager to leave the airport. The day we arrive also happens to be the first day of teen camp for the Shumaker family and Living Waters Baptist Church. We praise the Lord that although this family stays very busy in the ministry, they have graciously opened their home to us. Brother Shumaker will be able to come get us at the airport and help us get settled in for the night. Please pray for souls to be saved, that Christians would be encouraged, and that the Lord would give special strength and wisdom to the workers during the camp week. We are praying to get several things accomplished before baby Knickerbocker arrives. Some of these include meeting the doctor and seeing the clinic where Julie will be delivering, finding a house, finding a trustworthy guard, purchasing a vehicle for a good price, buying home appliances and furnishings, setting up the baby nursery, and making a visit to the US embassy concerning the citizenship of our child once he is born. Once all this is done, we also have in mind to find a "More" language tutor, begin translation work into French for discipleship tools and further training for the national pastors, and prepare for the quick and coming family visits. Thank you for your financial support, prayers, and encouragement. Looking unto Jesus,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"...and, lo, I am with you alway,  
even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

*- Matthew 28:20 -*

Departure:

**10 days!**

## Prayer Requests

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel.
- God's provision for the finances as we transition to and settle in Burkina Faso.
- For safety as we travel by plane.
- We have 3 different flights until we reach Ouagadougou.
- Julie's Pregnancy and upcoming delivery date.

## Praises

- We leave for the field **August 10th!**
- First baby due **October 4th.**
- Baby is healthy.
- We received Julie's visa**
- Great discount on a rental car.
- Extra donations for moving expenses were generously given.
- Julie was hoping to get maternity pictures done, and the Lord graciously allowed for that to happen.
- We have been greatly encouraged by the love of our family, friends and supporting churches as we prepare to leave.

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## Birthdays

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