

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

November 2014

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Julie's Health

We are thrilled to report that our last minute trip to France was most profitable. Julie's has had breathing difficulties for the past 2 months. These difficulties became severe the first 2 weeks of November. The doctors in Burkina Faso could not figure out what the root of the problem was and recommended we go right away to France or America and see several specialists. We headed to France, the cheaper of both options, and began seeing different doctors. We are thankful that the French doctors have confirmed Julie does not have any more blood problems, that her Lungs are in perfect health and free from a chronic asthmatic condition. Instead, we found out that she has punctual asthma which often reveals itself in allergic reactions. The allergy results came back positive for airborne allergies, which are very predominant this time of year in Burkina Faso. We will eventually do more testing on these allergies when we head back to the states, but for now, these tests can wait. It was a huge relief for us to hear these news since we did not know what caused her respiratory difficulties. The doctor prescribed Julie the appropriate treatment to help with her respiration. She has now been taking the treatment for five days and is noticing general improvement in her breathing. We thank the Lord for allowing us to accomplish all these things in less than two weeks, which also allowed us to keep the same date on our plane tickets for our return to Burkina Faso. Thank you for helping us pray for this request.



Staying with Family

During our two weeks in France, we had the privilege to stay with family in between appointments. Seeing and spending time with family was a tremendous encouragement to us. We also had the privilege to minister in song, preaching, testimony and visiting. Several people expressed their gratitude to Julie for her testimony as they have been following our ministry in Burkina Faso. It was encouraging to see new faces and to see the work of the Lord progress in the church that my family started in Orleans, France. We are eager to receive dad for a two week visit at the beginning of the new year. This visit has been planned for a while and we are thrilled about the time we have been blessed to spend with family since our arrival on the field.

The Transition Government

The current government transition in burkina Faso has been nothing short of a miracle. The 12 am-6 am curfew has been lifted, the different political parties have agreed on a president for the transitional government, and Peace has completely returned to the country. Since we've been back, we've heard that the present government has promised to remove much corruption, bring the cost of essential foods down, and enforce the minimum wage. We pray that these words will become reality for the people of Burkina Faso. I found out the other day that the minimum wage here is \$72/month. I didn't even know that there was a minimum wage! Sadly, most burkinabés do not even make that amount. How would you like to make 35 cents an hour, working 48 hours a week? The people here are remaining optimistic, and have been such an encouragement to us. We are thrilled to be back to get the Gospel out and teach God's word, especially now that Julie's health is coming back to normal. Please keep me in Prayer as I will be teaching a week long course on the book of Exodus this first week of the month at the Bible Institute. Also pray for us as we prepare for Christmas here in Burkina Faso. We pray we can be a blessing to our neighbors and that the Lord will give us favor as we witness to them. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day"

- Exodus 14:13 -

Prayer Requests

- Continued stability in the country
- Wisdom for the new leadership of Burkina Faso
- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel.
- Taking Moré classes
- Bible studies with:
 - Victor
 - Paul
 - Denise
 - Amos (new Bible study)
- That we would be a great help and blessing to the Burkinabés and the Shumaker Family
- Our landlord's salvation (Traore)
- Teaching the book of Exodus in the Bible Institute

Praises

- Our medical trip to France was effective and profitable
- Julie's health is getting back to normal
- Spent time with family in France
- We have started an additional weekly Bible studies this month
- Moré classes are going well
- Julie and I are healthy

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Anniversary 8/7