

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

January 2015

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Planning the Year

Julie and I are thrilled about what God has done in and through our lives in the past year and are even more excited to see what will take place in 2015. We have some exciting projects taking place this year which we will expound on as the months go by. Help us pray for God's direction and guidance as we seek His will. Our priority is still to learn as much as we can from the veteran missionary family (the Shumakers) and to get a grasp on the primary native tribal language, so that we may have a more effective ministry. We will be making a short trip to the US in mid-June through July for my brother Jeremy's wedding. We will also use this time to see a dentist and get allergy testing done for Julie. We will have the opportunity to visit several churches during our stay. If you would like for us to visit your church during our short stay, please take a look at our online calendar at knickinburkinafaso.com/our-calendar and contact us ASAP via E-mail. Once we come back to Burkina Faso in August, we will be helping with the youth camp and beginning preparations for a church plant as the Lord opens that door of opportunity.

Digging Wells

Toward the end of the month, I had the opportunity to join brother Shumaker on a trip to the village where a church was recently started. These villagers travel about 5 miles on foot to get water-dirty water! After the Shumakers raised the necessary funds, a well digging ministry had planned on digging a well for these villagers. It was a neat experience to be a part of this digging team and to see the joy on the villagers faces as the water gushed out of the ground near their homes. We praise God that this village church has seen many professions of faith and over 30 baptisms in recent months. We are praying that there will be more evangelistic opportunities for the well-digging ministry as they go from village to village, providing people with water.



Pastors Conference

The Lord gave me the privilege to translate for a guest pastor from the US that came to Burkina Faso to encourage and help the missionaries and national pastors in pastoring and growing their church and outreach ministries. It was a blessing to see the national pastors with a renewed zeal for the cause of Christ and seeing them starting to implement certain things that were taught during the sessions. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*“Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice”
Philippians 4:4*

Prayer Requests

- We need to purchase a generator as the hottest season and power cuts are quickly coming.
- Moré classes
- Bible studies with: Victor, Paul, Denise, Amos, Sylvain, Félicité and Angele, **Aimer** (new)
- Wisdom in organizing Bible Studies since they are beginning to add up with others who desire to have Bible Studies as well.
- We will be receiving several visitors this month. Pray for safe travels as we bring them to and from the Togo border.
- A sudden computer crash caused us to lose the only pictures, we had of Nathan's funeral. Pray the Lord gives us comfort over this, especially Julie.

Praises

- More souls have trusted Christ as their Savior this month. Please pray specifically for Christian and Edgar.
- Stephen's dad was with us for the first 2 weeks of January which was an encouraging time.
- Although our computer crashed, we were able to recover all our written work and documents!

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Anniversary 8/7