

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

April 2015

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Bible Club Fruit

Among the many children that come to our weekly Bible Club, two boys (Honoré and Ibrahim) have really been involved and have begun coming to church with us. Early in the month, as we were coming back from a Sunday evening meeting, Honoré asked me if he could be baptized to get rid of his sins. At first, I was surprised by what seemed like an odd request, but then I rejoice that the Holy Spirit was convicting him of his sin. I took him aside and let him know that baptism could not take his sins away but that only Jesus could if he would trust Him as personal savior. That evening, Honoré trusted Christ as his savior. I then encouraged him to tell his family and friends about his new found faith in Christ. It was a joy to see him bring his friend Ibrahim to our house the next evening, because Ibrahim now also wanted to put his trust in Christ. It is a wonderful sight to see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of people around us. Please pray that God would give us wisdom in dealing with the families represented by these two boys as they are in a sensitive situation. We pray that the favor and influence that the Lord has given us with the parents would lead to their salvation as well. During the Bible club, at times we are overwhelmed by the energy of children and always stand in need of workers. We thank God that he has provided Aimer, our neighbor who has been coming to church, trusted Christ as his Savior, is being disciplined, and is now, helping with the Bible club when he is available. He has been leading games and teaching memory verses! It is encouraging to see this young man progress in his faith and to see his imminent desire to serve the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would give him a stable job which would allow him to be more involved in ministry.



Easter Sunday

Many visitors showed up for Easter Sunday at Living Water Baptist Church, where we are currently serving. It was a busy day, complete with a youth presentation, 9 baptism, a fellowship meal, and the Lord's Supper. Praise the Lord for 15 first-time visitors and the profession of faith in Christ by three of those visitors. We have begun to conduct several additional Bible studies as a result of the prospects of that day. We are also thankful to God for several of those visitors who have been coming back to church.

Teaching Faithful Men

Pastor Daniel is a church planting missionary that was sent to Burkina Faso from the bordering country of Togo. He has invited several American missionaries to speak in his Outreach Conference. Pastor Daniel asked me to speak on the subject of training disciples. I was honored by the request, and accepted to help train his faithful members. This truly was a special time for me as it allowed me to reflect on all the people that invested their time and energy to help me be who I am today. I was also privileged to bring along two of the young men that the Lord has given me to disciple for this training on discipleship. I am thrilled to invest in others what has been invested in me. It has truly been amazing to see the opportunities that God has given us to minister. We are eager to see what God has in store for us in the future as we serve Him faithfully!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord.
Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

Prayer Requests

- Continued health
- Moré classes
- Bible studies with: Victor, Paul, Amos, Sylvain, Félicité and Angele, Edgard, **Ali (new)** and **Francis (new)**
- Stable Job for Aimer and Ali
- Still planning out meetings and events for our short trip to the USA on June 15th- August 7th.
- I will be teaching Anthropology in the Bible institute the first week of May.
- Julie had kidney stones this month and a test showed there are still more to pass.

Praises

- Salvation of Honoré & Ibrahim
- I began sharing my testimony in the Moré language.
- 2 new bible studies started
- We have completed the 13 week Bible study with Denise and Aimer.
- Julie's friend, Alice, will be coming for a 3 week visit!
- Our Muslim Landlord has invited us to eat at his home and asked us to pray before the meal. The Lord has really given us favor with him and his family. He also echoed the positive testimony of neighbors who are surprised at the niceness of the white people.

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Birthdays

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

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2