

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**August 2015**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Hello Burkina Faso

The Lord gave us an encouraging time with family, friends and supporting churches, but it was time to say goodbye again and return to Burkina Faso. Oddly enough, our departure date fell on the same day of our 5th wedding anniversary. Five wonderful, adventurous years together and serving the Lord! As we returned to the mission field, it was exciting to see how our love for one another has grown, as well as our love for the Savior and the people of Burkina Faso. Our God is faithful and we are eager to see what lies ahead of us.

**View our report video at [knickinburkinafaso.com](http://knickinburkinafaso.com)**

## Youth Camp

As soon as we arrived in Burkina, every one was preparing for the annual youth camp. We are thankful for the opportunity that Julie and I had to participate in the camp. It was encouraging to see several teenagers making life changing decision to remove things that hindered them in their walk with the Lord. Along with the readjustment to the environment and weather, the food and lifestyle at camp was typically African, which put us directly back into the swing of African living.

## Vacation Bible School

One of the missionary families here in Burkina, the Garcias, is from Mexico. They have been great friends to us this last year. At youth camp, they were telling us that they planned a week of Vacation Bible School in two different areas of the capital city. We automatically desired to help and learn from this Bible School. Many teenagers from different churches who attended youth camp also helped promote and direct these evangelistic outreaches. The purpose of this effort was to encourage the small churches that have been started to have a solid ministry to reach children, and to show them how to get it started. There were 4 full days of VBS- the highest attendance being 500 children at one location! It was a privilege to preach the gospel to these children. Please pray for the churches involved to use the momentum started during these VBS days to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families. Sadly, the day VBS began, Julie contracted Malaria and had to be hospitalized for treatments. She was not able to participate, but we praise the Lord that she is regaining her strength and health after fighting this vicious infection. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,



*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:  
for of such is the kingdom of God"*

*Mark 10:14*

## Prayer Requests

- Continued health
- Moré learning
- Bible studies with: Victor, Paul, Edgard, Ali, Francis and Christophe
- Stable jobs for Aimer, Ali and David
- We have lost contact with David.
- Wisdom in dealing with our landlord who wants to increase the monthly rent
- Salvation of family members who heard the gospel this summer.
- Wisdom and direction in starting a church
- National pastor that we can train for the ministry

## Praises

- The Lord has protected us all along our travels
- the youth camp and VBS went very well
- Julie has recovered from a bad case of Malaria
- Quality time spent with family
- Several of our contacts have been faithful in attending church
- We celebrated 5 years of marriage!

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## Birthdays

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