

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

September 2015

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Medical Missions

We had the privilege to help in a clinic outreach for 4 days that was organized by missionary Keith Shumaker. The Medical Missions Outreach team came to Burkina Faso to share the Gospel through medical services. Julie and I had the opportunity to help translate the medical consultations. This was a tremendous learning experience as it challenged us to use new French medical terms and as we learned of the common physical conditions many people endure in this country. We praise the Lord that in four days, over 800 people were treated and heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Several Accepted Christ as their Savior. One man in particular came and was in complete heart failure. The nurse practitioner told Julie he only had a few days to live. Thankfully, this man received Christ as his savior that day. He passed on to glory the next evening.



Prayer Requests

- Continued health
- Moré learning
- Bible studies with: Paul, Christophe and Salio (new)
- Stable job for Aimer
- Peace in Burkina Faso amidst military coup d'état
- Upcoming presidential elections
- Wisdom and direction in starting a church
- National pastor that we can train for the ministry
- New contacts who desire to begin bible studies

Praises

- The clinic went well with 800 patients treated.
- Julie has recovered from a bad case of Malaria.
- We are enjoying fellowship with the Garcias family and learning from their ministry.
- Aimer was Baptized and joined the church in Cissin.
- Salio trusted Christ as Savior and is being discipled.
- Safety during the coup d'état and plenty of food/water in reserve.



Helping in Rimketa

Last month, while helping with missionary Vicente Garcia during VBS, we desired to learn from him and his ministry before attempting to start a church. This month, we were in attendance at the church he started 2 years ago. We have already learned many things and are encouraged by their ministry. Julie is currently teaching children's Sunday school every other week while I preach every other Sunday. During one of the Saturday soul winning efforts, the Lord gave me the honor to lead Salio, a young muslim teenager, to Christ. We are currently discipling him and are encouraged by his faithfulness to church. We are also helping disciple other faithful Christians who are members of the church in Rimketa. While we are serving there, the Lord is working greatly at the church in Cissin where we have served for a year. Our dear friend and brother in Christ, Aimer, has recently followed the Lord in Baptism and joined the church in Cissin. This was a thrilling moment for us as he was the first man I fully discipled in Burkina. As you can see in the picture, there is a leak in the baptistry. This left very little (but just enough) water for a biblical baptism. It is encouraging to see this young man grow in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers for him.

Coup d'État

A coup d'état took place in the capital city on the 16th of September. The RSP (Presidential Security Regiment) detained the interim president and declared themselves rulers of the country. After long political negotiations leaders agreed to disarm and dissolve the RSP, certain of its members, however, refused and hid in their military camps. On Tuesday, September 29th, the national military forces had to engage the RSP to disarm them by force. Reports are that the RSP is now disarmed and that they are no longer a threat to peace and stability. The general in charge of the coup is still missing. Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones during the political crisis and for peace to be maintained leading up to the elections which were originally scheduled for October 2015. Help us pray that we could be a spiritual encouragement to the Burkinabés as they recover, emotionally and economically, from this coup d'état. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,
to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”*

Colossians 3:15

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