# STEPHEN & JULIE JCKER **NICKE** BURKINA FASO

## November 2015

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### The Pastor's Landing

Our missionary friend, Keith Shumaker, has trained several national pastors since his arrival in Burkina Faso. He has organized a preacher's fellowship each month and a Pastor's conference every three months to help each pastor be encouraged and move forward in different areas of the ministry. Brother Keith and I had talked about developing a tool that would help each pastor collect resources for their ministries and help lighten their work loads. I volunteered to edit a little booklet that would be distributed at each pastor's



conference. Julie helped me in developing ideas and composing different articles. We decided to call this booklet *Le Palier du* Pasteur, which could be translated into English as "The Pastor's Landing". "The Pastor's Landing" is a 14 page booklet that provides doctrinal statements, sermons series, Christian biographies, tips on different aspect of ministry, Biblical character studies, etc. Some of the pastors have to work a field or search for other means of income throughout the week. Some have no access to the internet, and many serve in remote parts of the country. They have limited time to study and limited access to research materials and resources.

Every three months, we will gather different

helpful tools to encourage and inspire these national pastors. Eventually, our goal is to train a burkinabé to be the editor of this ministry so that it can keep going for the furtherance of God's kingdom.

## **Exploiting the Bible**

The Sunday and Thursday evening Bible Studies are going well. Many folks have come and gone out of curiosity, but a handful have remained and seem to show a real interest in learning the truths of God's word. This is nothing short of a miracle because most religious people typically seek special revelation from God in dreams or visions. During this month, Julie and I made the acquaintance of a Catholic lady who had recently purchased her own Bible. She said that people do not exploit the Bible as they should and she explained her desire to cultivate a personal walk with God through personal Bible study. As I was listening to her, I couldn't help but think « here is a person who has already initiated steps to search God's word .» I proceeded in explaining the Gospel to her and invited her to attended our weekly Bible studies. She gladly accepted and has since been coming faithfully, letting us know that we do not need to call her ahead of time as a reminder of the Bible Studies because it was written in her calendar and she would be faithful to coming. Praise the Lord! This was refreshing to hear for Julie and I as most people need to be reminded of their promised engagement. We praise the Lord for several professions of faith in Christ this month. We ask that you would help us pray for these precious souls, many of which are muslims and have to face cultural and social pressure from their religious (but lost) family members. We would love to report a number of salvations each month, but we would rather wait to see God truly work in changing lives. Patience is a hard virtue to maintain at times.

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

Stephen 🕲 Julie Knickerbocker

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name"

## **Prayer Requests**

- -Continued health -Moré learning
- -Bible studies Sunday and
- Thursday evening
- -Stable job for Aimer
- -Continued peace in Burkina Faso
- -For the new President to lead the nation in righteousness
- -Wisdom and direction in starting a church
- -National pastor that we can train for the ministry
- -New contacts who desire to begin bible studies

-We eventually need to buy land for a church and other projects and need the Lord to open the right doors and to guide us.

### **Praises**

- -2 muslim friends professed faith in Christ
- -14 was the highest attendance in one meeting at the Bible Study this month
- -I have started to teach a Bible
- class in a local school
- -We published the first edition of
- "The Pastor's Landing" -We had a wonderful Thanksgiving
- time with missionary friends

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Psalms 100:4