

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**December 2015**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Merry Christmas

We trust that all of you had a blessed family time during this Christmas season. Christmas is an exciting time for us in Burkina to share the Gospel. Although many will profess there is something special about Christmas, making it stand out from other holidays, they do not know its true meaning. The Sunday evening before Christmas day, we held a special Bible Study on the subject of the Savior's birth. It was exciting to see 15 people in attendance and to witness a young muslim man trust Christ as his Savior after the study. On the 25th, we had an open house, as is customarily done in Burkina Faso. We were delighted to receive 112 neighbors, friends and acquaintances, sharing this special day together, singing Christmas songs and once again, speaking of our Savior.

## Missions Conference

Josias Bako, a national pastor who works in a village, invited me and other missionaries to take part in the first missions conference of the church he started. It was exciting to see the Lord at work in the middle of the wilderness. They had 15 people baptized during this special event! It was encouraging to hear of this national pastor's vision for that specific region, and to witness the blessings of the Lord on his ministry.

## More Contacts

This month, we have been blessed to see God working in the hearts of several of our recent contacts. The two muslim friends we mentioned last month have been coming to the Bible studies faithfully and are asking good questions after the studies and at other times of the week. It is wonderful to see their desire to grow closer to the lord blossom before our eyes. Another young man named Joseph has been coming, bringing his neighbors with him. He recently shared a testimony of how he had been putting one of the Bible study lessons into practice, saying: "it really works!" Please pray for Joseph as his motorcycle was stolen. It was encouraging to see his faithful desire to learn from God's word, continually showing up to the weekly Bible study, although he had just been robbed. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,



Mamadi & Daoda

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" - Isaiah 9:6*

## Prayer Requests

- Continued health
- More 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- he was officially instated into office on the 29th.
- Wisdom and direction in starting a church, especially as we look into acquiring land.
- National pastor that we can train for the ministry
- New contacts who desire to begin bible studies

## Praises

- We had a wonderful Christmas
- One muslim young man (Abdoul) professed faith in Christ
- The Bible class in a local school is going well
- We are getting good feedback from the first edition of "The Pastor's Landing"
- Aimer passed his driving license test which may open a good job opportunity for Him

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- Pastor Clarence Sexton
- 1700 W. Beaver Creek Dr.
- Powell, TN 37849
- (865) 938-8182
- [templebaptistchurch.com](http://templebaptistchurch.com)

## Missions Agency

- WWNTBM
- P.O. Box 725
- Kings Mountain, NC 28086
- [wwntbm.com](http://wwntbm.com)

## Birthdays

- Stephen 9/15
- Julie 9/26