

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

March 2016

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

A Miracle on the way

We are thrilled to announce that the Lord has answered our prayers and we are expecting a bundle of joy, a healthy baby girl, due at the end of July! Julie is currently recovering from a 3 night stay in the hospital due to a bacterial infection, but besides that, she and the baby have a great bill of health. We have prayed and sought council with family, friends and doctors about where to deliver the baby and the Lord has given us peace to have this child in France while we'll be staying with family. Since the due date is set for the end of July, we will plan to leave for France on June 6th and return on to Burkina Faso on October 4th (or earlier if the Lord allows). We are also set to move into a new house in April and are still making preparations for this move. Please pray for us we train Jean Bosko and seek to officially start a church in the upcoming months before our departure. I am currently working on materials and lessons to give brother Bosko to teach during our absence. I praise the Lord that due to his past ministry experience, he has tremendous spiritual maturity and has helped me in giving council to people by contributing in a sincere and biblical way. He truly is a gift from God and an answer to prayer.

Church Building

The Lord has opened the door for us to start renting a small property in a visible and well traveled location to hold church and prayer meetings. We will be transitioning our Bible study times to this new property as soon as it is ready. We are excited to start a church especially since several of the folks that faithfully attend the weekly bible studies are sharing the excitement. We even had a Burkinabé man ask us how he could contribute to the church building fund. We will send pictures as soon as the construction is completed. If you would like to help us and contribute for the expenses of this new church building, feel free to visit our website for more details at knickinburkinafaso.com. All together, the cost for the building totals near \$6,000. The property we have begun to rent is a temporary place from which we trust God to build his church and lead us to a permanent location. The materials used to construct the building have been designed with the capacity to be taken down and put up somewhere else so that they are ready for usage on a future permanent location.

The Study of Angels

Earlier this month, the Lord gave me the privilege to teach in the Bible Institute. Our missionary friend, Keith Shumaker, showed me a list of subjects and asked me which I would like to teach. Without hesitation I picked Angelology (the doctrine of Angels). It was encouraging to have a fresh glance at the spiritual warfare that we are engaged in and how the enemy is not physical, but spiritual. Studying angels reveals a great deal on the way we need to pray and depend on God for victory- something which greatly spoke to me about our work here in Burkina Faso. We were also able to host a Pastor's fellowship at the house, where I taught the doctrine of the end times. Earlier last month, I had a pastor who came to me and asked: «Can you help us understand the book of Revelation?» So I did the best I could to simplify what is going on in the book of the Revelation (a challenging task to say the least) and taught the Pastors. We were also encouraged to have several people come and join our Bible study time on Resurrection Sunday where I was privileged to preach from Romans on «The Power of the Resurrection!» We trust you've all had a great Resurrection Sunday, celebrating our wonderful Risen Savior. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

Prayer Requests

- Continued health (especially for Julie and the baby as she recovers from health complications)
- Moré learning
- Potential members class on Sunday mornings and Bible studies Sunday and Thursday evening
- Stable job for Aimer
- Continued peace in Burkina Faso
- Elections of Mayors coming in May
- Wisdom and direction in starting a church, especially as we train brother Bosko to assist the church in our absence.
- New contacts who desire to begin bible studies
- The church building to be completed and funds to come in.
- We are moving into a different home this month.

Praise Reports

- We are having a baby girl!
- People are giving their tithes and offerings and are excited about starting a church.
- Had a wonderful time hosting a preachers fellowship.

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Birthdays

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

*“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness,
by the resurrection from the dead.” - Romans 1:4*