

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

June 2016

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Leaving for a Season

Finally, the time came to take the plane for France. With a ministry in it's begin stages, it was a very busy time for us as we tried to get every thing set in order before we left. We praise God that Jean Bosko has proved several times that he could keep moving forward with the ministry during our absence. In fact, I called him several times this month since our arrival to get a report on the meetings and their attendance, and he has called me as well to get my permission on decisions that needed to be taken. It is thrilling to see God working especially during our absence. Thank you for your prayers for the ministry in Burkina as we are away in person but present in heart. The day before our departure, we invited the folks of the church for a cup of tea and enjoyed encouraging fellowship. It was neat to see our burkinabés friends express their feelings toward us letting us know that they were awaiting our return with great anticipation. Several have also contacted us several times already expressing their heart to us and sincere prayers for us. Praise the Lord for the souls that have been saved and that have been knit to ours. We are incredibly encouraged by the Christian friends and disciples God has placed under our care.

Julie's Health

Julie is doing very well. We have met with the french doctor and have started to monitor the pregnancy in the regional hospital of Orleans. After one of the blood test, the hospital called us in emergency to ask Julie to come to the ER because her platelet count has begun to drop once again. The hospital staff had more intensive blood testing ordered, and found that her platelet count, although still low, is out of the dangerous zone. They are keeping a close eye on this pregnancy, on her blood tests and on baby Knickerbocker. Please keep Julie in your prayers so that there wouldn't be any complications with the pregnancy or her health. As far as the baby goes, we praise the Lord that she is full of energy, reminding her mother every moment of the day that she is alive, moving and well.

Ministry in France

The Lord allowed us to minister in the Orleans Bible Baptist Church where my dad is the pastor. We are encouraged by the progress of that ministry and the vision to seek and save those that are lost. We recently had the privilege to meet and minister to a friend of dad who made a profession of faith after dad led him to the Lord. We also had the opportunity to visit my brother Jeremie and his wife Emilie who live on the Atlantic coast city of La Rochelle. It was a refreshing time of fellowship with another young couple serving the Lord faithfully in their church and community. We also enjoyed fellowship while we were visiting my uncle Tim and aunt Elizabeth who are preparing their camp season. My father told me that he had several projects for me to help him with for the ministry, one of which is a website for the church. I was also put in contact with someone selling an acoustic guitar which we'll have the privilege to bring back to Burkina Faso with us for the ministry. Several young men in Burkina Faso have shown a great interest in accompanying the singing at church with instruments, specifically with a guitar. I am looking forward to training young musicians to play an instrument in a God honoring way. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." - Colossians 3:16

Prayer Requests

- Continued health
- Stable job for Aimer
- Mayors are elected: we will now be waiting to hear about a property we have requested to acquire from the government.
- Wisdom and health for Jean Bosco as he replaces us in our absence.
- Faithfulness of the members in training to the church meetings during our absence.
- Julie's platelet count needs to stay elevated. We would like to avoid steroid treatments.
- This could be the month of baby Knickerbocker's arrival. Please pray for a safe delivery, healthy mommy and baby.

Praise Reports

- We made it to France without any complications
- We have had several ministry and preaching opportunities since our arrival.
- We have met several times with the doctor and midwives. All is well with the baby.
- A church in France provided money for us to purchase an acoustic guitar for use in Burkina Faso.
- Thank you to so many of you who have sent us cards and baby gifts as we await our little girl's arrival.

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Birthdays

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

