

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

New Contacts

When we returned to Burkina Faso, we found that most folks had been faithful during our absence and that some new contacts had started attending the Bible studies. Pauline has been faithfully coming to the Bible studies since two months before our return. She was one of our neighbors when we lived at our previous house and has been bringing her daughter and friends with her to the studies. We also met a young university student from a Catholic background who was searching for a deeper relationship with God. This young man named Vincent recently trusted Christ as his Savior and has a thirst for God's word. He has been faithful to the meetings and has been inviting others to attend. He accompanied me during our soul winning effort and was amazed by this opportunity to share the Gospel with others.

Back into the swing of things

We were surprised to return home and find that dust had not completely invaded our house—although termites and mold had done so. Thankfully, we were able to get house treated for termites, the ceiling in our room replaced, all of our furniture and beddings bleached and the affected walls washed and repainted. We are thankful that through this cleaning and renovation time, the Lord protected Julie's health (she is highly allergic to mold.) We were also blessed to have a great number of our Burkinabe friends and fellow missionaries visit, welcome us back and meet the newest Knickerbocker. One family even honored us the traditional way by bringing Julie beef stew. We have been rejoicing as we see the Burkinabe's love and tender care for Alina, knowing she is not only an answer to our prayers, but theirs as well.

Plans for the Inauguration of the Church

Praise God that after a year of weekly Bible studies, the Lord has given us a hand full of potential members who are completing their discipleship training and are ready to start a local church. It has been amazing to see God work as we spread the Gospel, see souls saved and lead Bible studies. We have officially set November 27th as the date of the inauguration of the Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou. Please help us pray for this event as we will be distributing invitations throughout the local community to inform people of this new church plant. We now have the name of the newly elected mayor of this section of town and will set up meeting to greet the local officials to inform them of our ministry. We are currently looking into the possibility of making several announcements on a few radio stations. We are thankful for the small group the Lord has allowed us to disciple and for the priceless spirit of unity present among them. Lord willing, we will have at least four baptism on that special day and a message that I will preach concerning the local church's priorities, structure and doctrine. Help us pray that the baptistry will be finished soon and that other small projects needing to be done before November 27th will get accomplished without delays.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..." - Colossians 4:3

Prayer Requests

- Alina as she adjusts to Burkina Faso.
- The inauguration of the church planned for November 27th.
- Stable job for Aimer
- Making disciples.
- Salvation of souls.
- We need to find a local pediatrician and set up appointments for baby.

Praise Reports

- Alina is a healthy baby.
- Many stayed faithful to attending the Bible studies in our absence
- New, faithful contacts
- We have safely returned to Burkina Faso.
- House is now free of mold.

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Birthdays

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