

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

We wish you a « Weak » New Year!

We would like to wish every one a weak new year! "What? Are you serious?" Yes. That is not the typical new year's wish. We would rather hear wishes of money, health, success and strength. On new year's eve, I shared a message titled "We are strong, until we are strong." This is taken from 2 Chronicles 26:15 where king Uzziah "was marvellously helped, till he was strong." The apostle Paul also said in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 that "when I am weak, then am I strong." May God help us to be weak in the flesh so that we can be strong in the faith of Christ Jesus. This is our wish for the ministry this year, for our Burkinabé friends, and for our supporting churches and prayer warriors; that we all rely continually on God's strength, never our own, and acknowledge His working hand in our lives. We have many decisions and plans to make this year concerning the work here in Burkina. Please help us pray that as we will be sharing prayer requests and plans of what the Lord has laid on our heart to do, that we would keep our eyes on the one who can accomplish "abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."



Remaining Fruit

It has been a joy to see several souls make a profession of faith in Christ and then begin to demonstrate faithfulness. This is the case for a young man named Bienvenu who trusted Christ as Savior in the month of November and has not missed a church meeting since his conversion. Bienvenu even stayed in Ouagadougou to attend our Christmas programs on the 24th and 25th when he could have gone back to the village with his family. This young man told me that he is about to graduate from what would be the equivalent of high school back in the States, he is at the top of his class, and he wants to pursue a medical career. Please pray for him as his muslim family has created opposition to his decision to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ and has threaten to discontinue the funding for his education.

Looking back on 2016

During our new year's meeting on the 31st, we gave the opportunity for folks to share a testimony concerning the blessings of God on their lives during this past year. It was tremendously encouraging to hear several thank the Lord for their salvation and for many answered prayers. For our family, the biggest victories this year were the healthy delivery of Alina, the assistance of Jean Bosko during our time in France, and the official beginning of the church. Julie also rejoiced in the fact that the Lord answered her prayers in allowing us to make some true Burkinabé friends, something which can be quite difficult for foreigners. Most burkinabé are interested in you as long as you can give them something. We've seen that a true friend, especially here, is not someone who sees what he can get, but someone who sees what he can give. We are thrilled to know that God has given us such friends.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9

Prayer Requests

- Spiritual growth of the church plant
- A pastor to train for the church
- Stable job for Aimer
- Making disciples
- Salvation of souls
- Marriage counseling with Aristide and Pauline
- Omar and Bienvenu opposed by their family

Praise Reports

- Alina is healthy
- Vincent and Bienvenu are faithful.
- The traditional engagement at the village between Aristide and Pauline went very well.
- We had a wonderful Christmas and new year with the church folks.

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Birthdays

- Stephen 9/15
- Julie 9/26
- Alina 8/12
- Anniversary 8/7