

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**March 2017**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## First Wedding

After months of marital counseling, planning, and wedding preparations, we are pleased to announce that the Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou held its very first wedding ceremony. Aristide and Pauline were married on Saturday, March 11th, 2017. We were blessed to have the church members work together to make this day special for the couple. The ladies made paper flowers to decorate the church, cleaned the building for the ceremony and worked together to make Bissap (a traditional flower juice). The men greeted guests, controlled the children and kept track of the parking. Young adults from a sister church came to sing and help serve cake and couscous. It was a joy for me to officiate my first wedding, encouraging the couple to be one spiritually, emotionally and physically. Please keep this young couple in your prayers as they strive to be an example of christian love and of a godly marriage.



## New Couple in the Church

The Lord allowed us to meet Ring and Zara a few months ago. While driving down the road, they saw the church sign with our contact information and decided to call us so we could meet in person. They informed us that they had been looking for a Bible preaching church. Although they lived on the other side of town, they made sure to attend as many of the special meetings we held and quickly decided they wanted to be a part of this church family. After looking and praying for a new place to live, the Lord opened the door for them to be closer to the church. It was a blessing for us to help them move to a nearby home. Their son, Isaac, was also the first child to be dedicated to the lord at our church during one of this month's Sunday morning meetings.

## Baptism of two former muslims

Biennu and Omar are two faithful young men who came to know Christ as their Savior last year. This month, although persecuted by family members, both of them obeyed the Lord in believers baptism. It has been a joy for us to see them grow in their faith and continually be more involved in the Lord's work. Please keep Safi, Omar's wife, in your prayers as she has not yet accepted Christ as her Savior. It is evident that the Lord has been working on her heart and we are praising Him that she has been attending the church services and intently listening and responding to the preaching.



## Family visit

We were encouraged to have my father, Peter Knickerbocker, come and visit us for a little over a week. Alina enjoyed spending time with her grandpa and we were blessed by his presence and continual words of encouragement. It was fun to include dad in our daily « African » life and ministry activities. We also enjoyed introducing him to those we've had the privilege to work with since we have been in Burkina Faso. Dad also happened to be our first guest preacher at Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” - Genesis 2:24*

## Prayer Requests

- Spiritual growth of the church
- A pastor to train
- A stable job for Aimer
- Training members for leadership positions
- Travel to America on April 17th.
- Salvation of Safi
- Permanent property for the church (\$40,000+)**
- Favor with the community and mayor's office

## Praise Reports

- Our family is healthy
- \$5,000** has been donated for land purchase!
- First Wedding
- First Baby Dedication
- First guest preacher
- Omar and Biennu's baptisms
- Dad's safe arrival and Return

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## Missions Agency

- WWNTBM
- P.O. Box 725
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## Birthdays

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