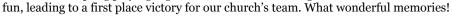
STEPHEN & JULIE — BURKINA FASO

September 2017

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Youth Conference

At the beginning of the month, our church was invited to a week of special events for young people organized by another likeminded church. I was privileged to be asked to speak one evening on the importance of "I will maintain mine own ways before him. "from Job 13:15. On Monday, they organized an all day soccer tournament. It was great to see young men we have been discipling playing together as a team and having





Friend Day

We organized a big day, « Friend day », for Sunday, September 17th. We are thrilled to report that this day was a success as many of the church members showed enthusiasm in the weeks leading up to the meeting and invited their friends. This was also a special day because we were able to Baptize Safi, Omar's wife. Omar was so happy about his wife's upcoming baptism that he came to our house the night before so he could fill water buckets and bring them to the church to fill

the baptistry. We praise the Lord for the great work He has done in this precious family. One young woman came for the first time on friend day, then returned the next Sunday with a friend. That next Sunday, both young ladies trusted Christ as their Savior after the morning meeting! Please keep Lucy and Diane in your prayers as we desire for them to grow in their newfound faith in Christ.

Ladies Ministry

I praise the Lord for Julie's faithfulness and hard work in teaching the ladies. We are glad to have had two of our faithful young teen girls come back to town after spending the summer away in the village working. Julie has also been able to start discipling a new young lady named Mariam, and has begun simple cooking classes with her after their bible lesson. Julie has also begun to teach some of the church ladies who wish to learn a skill in order to earn an income all about soap making. They have been working hard using locally made ingredients to produce good quality



soaps to sell at the market. We also praise the Lord for a young woman named Mina who trusted Christ as Her Savior during our soul-winning efforts and has since expressed he desire to be faithful to attending the church meetings.

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

Stephen 🕲 Julie Knickerbocker

"...there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." - Proverbs 18:24

Prayer Requests

- -Wisdom and patience in seeking land
- -Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- -A pastor to train
- -Salvation of Zeinaba & Abdoulaye
- -A stable job for Aristide, Serge and Ring
- -Permanent property for the church (\$40,000+)
- -Favor with the community and the mayor's office

Praise Report

- -Julie and I had wonderful birthdays
- -Aimer and Omar have a new
- -3 professions of faith with interest to become new members
- -The ladies ministry is growing
- **-\$9,297** has been donated for land purchase!

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Birthdays

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