

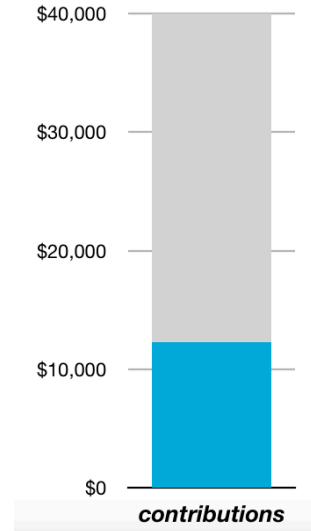
STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

December 2017

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Funds for the Church

Praise be to God for the wonderful things that He has done. We have seen souls saved and saints strengthened in their walk with the Lord. We could not be happier with the testimony of our Church folks. As we concluded the year 2017, we desired to give you an update on the church property that we are seeking. Unfortunately, we need to have the money upfront if we are going to make any purchase. We have set a budget of \$40,000 for the purchase of a permanent property for the local Church that was started. We have posted a short video explaining that prayer request and sharing the testimony of a few of our Church members whose lives have been transformed by the power of the Gospel. You may view this video on our website at knickinburkinafaso.com. Please pray that in God's timing we would have the funds which would allow us to advance in the ministry that the Lord has given us.



Kids ministry

It is thrilling to see faithful men teaching others also. Aimé and Bienvenu are two men that I can rely on to assist me in the ministry. They have been helping in the kids ministry and I have recently given them the opportunity to help teach a Bible lesson for children. I already enjoy the children's ministry, but it makes it much more enjoyable to have a team that works together.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year

The Lord gave us a precious time of celebration during the Christmas and New Year's program of the Church. It was a time of testimony and of rejoicing in what God has done in and through our church. Thank you to the many of you who wrote us cards and sent us packages, it made our Christmas away from family extra special. We know that Christmas is often spent with family, but we are grateful for the spiritual family the Lord has given us in Burkina with whom we can rejoice that Christ came to die, was buried and rose again on the third day.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



Prayer Requests

- Funds to purchase property for the church (\$40,000)
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A pastor to train
- Salvation of Zeinaba & Abdoulaye
- A stable job for Vincent, Christian, and Serge
- Healthy pregnancy for Julie and healthy baby Knickerbocker
- Bienvenu's University education
- The spiritual growth of Lucy, Blaise and Yvette
- Soap and taxi-moto business
- Omar's mother had a stroke

Praise Report

- We had a wonderful Christmas with the Church and as a family.
- A total of \$12,297 has been donated for the land purchase!
- I brought Bienvenu to his village for the winter break and his muslim family responded well to the Gospel.
- Aimé and Bienvenu are helping me teach for the kids ministry.

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Birthdays

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

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof..." - Ecclesiastes 7:8