

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**January 2018**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## A world wide ministry

Praise the Lord for the additional contributions that we have received for the purchase of property for the Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou. The church members are eager to have their own property on which to advance the cause of Christ in our community, country, and world. Bible Baptist Church already has a world wide ministry through prayer. Each month, we print a prayer sheet that features a new city of Burkina Faso, a country in Africa, and a country of the world. We pray that God would send forth laborers into His harvest and we are eager to send our own missionaries one day from Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou. Thank you for the churches and individuals who have generously contributed for the advancement of this 1 year old local church. We are currently at \$15,197 and stand in need of an additional \$24,803. Thank you for your prayers for this need.

## Medical furlough

It is our joy to inform everyone that Julie is expecting another baby girl. Julie is doing very well and the baby is developing healthily. We praise God for this additional good news and we know that many are rejoicing with us. After much prayer, we have decided to have this next baby in the USA, more specifically, in Tennessee. Julie is expected to deliver the baby at the end of May. We will be **leaving** Burkina Faso on the **22nd of March** and **returning** on the **19th of July**. If you are interested in scheduling us for a meeting, our available dates are: April 18th, 22nd, 25th, and May 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th and 16th. To schedule a meeting, please contact us as soon as possible through e-mail at [knickinburkina@gmail.com](mailto:knickinburkina@gmail.com).



## An amazing start to 2018

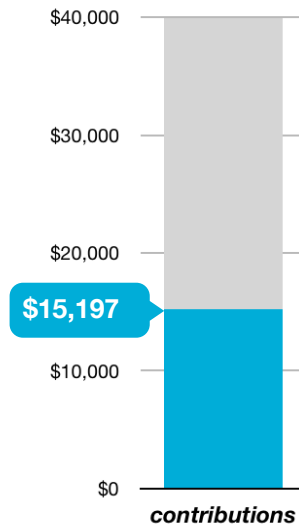
As I write this prayer letter, I am filled with joy and thankfulness for what God has done, is doing, and will do in and through our lives. We have had eight first time visitors this month and several of them are faithful in coming. We met a young Catholic man on our weekly door to door soul-winning efforts and he trusted Christ as his Savior after hearing of Salvation by faith in Christ alone. He has since been faithfully attending all services and activities and has been bringing others to church with him.

Our dear brother Omar has a tremendous ministry among his neighbors. Having a traditional muslim name (Omar), people are surprised to hear him speak of Jesus. One of his neighbors came to church on the first Sunday of the year and his wife came the following Sunday. I asked his wife why she had decided to come, and she said that in 27 years of marriage, she had never seen her husband enter any type of church and was curious to see why he was beginning to attend this church. This neighbor, named Batian, is now reading his Bible and has been boldly telling his other neighbors that he became a Christian. Praise God for His power to transform lives.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16*



## 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 Batian, Vincent, Christian, and Serge
- Healthy pregnancy for Julie and healthy baby Knickerbocker
- Bienvenu's University education
- The spiritual growth of Batian, Dieu Le Grand, Lucy, Blaise and Yvette
- Soap and taxi-moto business
- Preparations for our medical furlough.

## Praise Report

- We found out baby Knickerbocker is a GIRL!
- 8 new visitors this month
- An additional \$2,900 has been donated for land purchase
- Omar is evangelizing his neighbors and faithfully bringing families to church

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## Birthdays

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