

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

Mars 2018

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Women's conference

The 8th of March (International Women's Day) is a greatly celebrated day in Burkina. The missionary wives and several national pastor's wives organized a conference day to encourage women in their walk with God. We were pleased that this year, ten ladies from our church accompanied Julie to this event and were even able to get a special song together for the first time. I am grateful for the wife that God has given me! She is a tremendous encouragement to me and to the ministry. She loves God and loves to be in Burkina Faso, despite the harsh living conditions. It is good to find a wife (Pro. 18:22), but I am glad that I didn't just get a wife; I got the wife the Lord wanted me to have for my life.

Family visit

We are so glad that my father, Peter Knickerbocker, came for a short visit before we left Burkina. We spent four days together and had a wonderful time with the folks of the church. We took advantage of this time to take an updated picture with some of the church families before leaving the country.



Beginning our Furlough

After much preparation and a long trip to the USA, we finally arrived at JFK airport and were welcomed by my brother, Sam Knickerbocker, and two of his children. When David and Sophia saw us, they shouted for joy in the middle of the airport! This sweet welcome sure made us feel very special. We were able to attend the new church plant where my brother pastors and I gave a ministry report in the morning, then preached in the evening. We had an opportunity to help put together some church information packets that included "John and Romans", and distributed them throughout the community in preparations for the first anniversary of the church plant.

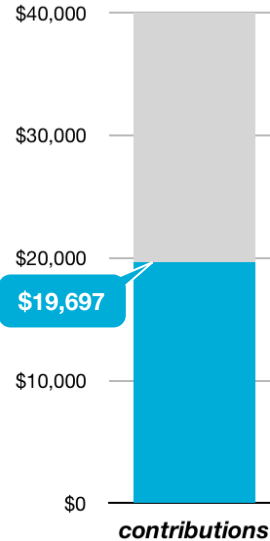
After a refreshing time with my family, we proceeded to make our way up north to Canada to spend time with Julie's family. They have been enjoying Alina's bubbling personality and are eager to meet the new addition of the family. We also had the pleasure to present our ministry to Burkina Faso on Resurrection Sunday in a new church and enjoy great fellowship with believers in Julie's hometown. We will be planning to come back to the US on Monday, April 9th, where we will be attending missions conferences, presenting in new churches and reporting in our currently supporting churches. Please keep praying for safe travels and note that our current phone number in the US is (865) 356-4456.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing,
and obtaineth favour of the Lord." - Proverbs 18:22*

Church Property Fund



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
- Travels for our medical furlough (March 22 - July 19).
- Faithfulness of the church folks during our absence.

Praise Report

- We had a safe trip to the USA
- We are enjoying our family time
- An additional \$1,000 has been donated for land purchase
- The church in Burkina Faso has had a well attended Sunday meetings during our absence.

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Birthdays

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