

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**May 2018**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## We're almost there

Earlier this month, I flew to Texas to present our ministry in a newly scheduled church. Although I could not take my family with me, I enjoyed meeting the pastor and his missionary minded church. They had already begun to financially support us and have recently raised a generous amount of funds for the property purchase in Burkina. We have also received more funds from other churches and have almost reached our financial goal of \$40,000! Once we purchase a permanent property for the church, we will then deconstruct and reconstruct our metal building on the newly purchased property. Our vision is to eventually grow out of that 100 square meter facility and build a second building. This will allow us enough space to conduct the children's ministry and hold separate meetings for Sunday school as well as for the adult programs.



## Kezia Leigh Knickerbocker

Praise the Lord for a healthy baby girl and a healthy mother. Kezia was born on May 26th, weighing a humble 6.15 pounds and measuring a surprising 21.5 inches. We are relishing every moment with our newest daughter and have especially enjoyed seeing Alina interact with her little sister. We praise the Lord for the care of our home church for us. We are currently residing in one of their guest houses, which has been a great blessing to us as we get back into the lifestyle of caring for a newborn. We are so grateful for the prayers of our supporting churches, of our friends, and of our family. God is good!

## Papers for Kezia

We are now waiting for Kezia's papers to be processed. Please join us in praying for the timely completion of Kezia's birth certificate, SSN and passport. Our return to Burkina Faso is planned for the 19th of July if all paperwork can be completed within the next month and a half.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

“...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” - Luke 4:4

## 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 recovery for Julie and continued health for baby Kezia  
-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 have a new supporting church from the state of Texas.  
-We have almost reached our goal for the property fund.  
-Kezia and Julie are doing well.  
-Short birth without complications

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## Birthdays

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