

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**August 2018**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Meeting a chief

The big highlight of this month was meeting with a chief who lives in Omar and Batian's Neighborhood. This is the same chief who could not believe that Batian had become a Christian until Omar told him that it was the truth. We spoke over an hour with him and he listened intently as I presented the Gospel of Christ. He said that he was very happy with what he heard and when I confronted him with the decision to place his faith in Christ, he told me that he wanted to take time to think on what he had just heard. He proceeded to ask me some relevant questions and expressed his desire to own a Bible and attend bible studies. Pray for the salvation of this chief, Ido Basneere Naba.

## Encouragement Conference

Our missions agency, WWNTBM, invited us to participate in an Encouragement Conference in Germany. The purpose of this gathering was to create an environment of transparency where missionaries could share testimonies of the victories they found in the Lord through their personal lives and ministries. Every preaching and testimony time was on one central theme: "Hope". It was a blessing to meet and fellowship with veteran and new missionaries. We are also thankful for the opportunity my father had to come join us during this special time. We would like to thank the many churches and individuals who have given generously to cover our traveling expenses so that we may attend as a family. We were greatly refreshed and encouraged by the many messages and testimonies.



## Progress of the church

Since our return to Burkina Faso, we have had 8 first time visitors of whom 4 have returned a second time. Among those visitors was David Koursangama, who has been coming to the Sunday evening Bible studies and the new members class on Sunday morning. Pray that he would grow spiritually. Bienvenu's sister, Adiara, has begun attending church as well and needs to trust Christ as her savior. She has made a mess out of her life and seems to be remorseful. Pray for Serge, an active member of the church, who is struggling in being faithful. Dieu le Grand is another young man who has slowly distanced himself from the Lord. Please pray for him. We praise the Lord that two of our faithful young men were able to attend youth camp this month, one of whom has shown great leadership qualities and was asked to be a team leader.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." - Romans 5:5*

## Prayer Requests

- VBS moved to the 2nd week of September
- To purchase the right property for the church**
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A pastor to train
- Salvation of Zeinaba, Adiara, Abdoulaye, & the chief
- A stable job for Batian, Vincent, Christian, David and Serge
- Bienvenu's University education
- The spiritual growth of Batian, Dieu Le Grand, David, and Christian
- Soap and taxi-moto business
- New Bible study and soul-winning outreach on Tuesday nights

## Praise Report

- We had an encouraging time in Germany for an encouragement conference**
- Several new visitors
- We are encourage by the spiritual progress and positive attitude of the church folks.
- Met and shared the gospel with the chief Ido Basneere Naba

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## Birthdays

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Alina 8/12  
Kezia 5/26  
Anniversary 8/7