

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

September 2018

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

VBS

The first week of the month, we held a children's vacation Bible school centered on the theme of beginnings. We played games, sang Bible songs, handed out prizes, but most importantly, we taught them about creation, the first sin, and the first murder, leading them to understand the Gospel and their need for salvation. We praise the Lord for 5 of our church members who helped during this time, leading songs and games, translating into the native language and keeping the children well behaved. What a blessing it is to see not only these kids excited about coming to hear about the Lord, but also to witness Christians who have grown enough in their faith to now be leaders in the children's ministry. We praise the Lord for an average of 70 kids who came each day.



"Why I am Baptist?" Conference

When we first arrived in Burkina, we noticed a common theme among the Christians who attended Baptist churches: several had difficulties explaining to others and understanding themselves exactly why they were Baptist. Because of this, we held a conference meeting last year on the importance of understanding the beliefs that historically Baptists have held. This month, we held the same conference and centered it on the testimonies of Christian martyrs throughout history. The members of Bible

Baptist Church of Boulmiougou went above and beyond what we could have hoped in helping with the organization, greeting, parking and cooking for the conference. We invited a national pastor to be one of the preachers that evening and we invited two missionary friends and another national pastor to give a testimony of what it means to them to be Baptist. What a blessing it was to have several missionaries, the national pastors they have trained, and some members of different Baptist churches be in attendance. We enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship, preaching, testimonies, and teaching. It was a joy to see Burkinabé believers understand that the roots of Christianity are not in American missionaries, neither in the Catholic church, but in Christ.

A Potential Pastor

David Nassa is a young man who trusted Christ as His Savior in the beginning of the year. He has a wonderful personality and gets along with everyone he meets. He taught catechism for four years when he was Catholic and has a remarkable ability to teach others. He recently shared his salvation testimony with the church folks and it could not have been clearer. He has mentioned interest in Bible training for pastors, but already knows how difficult it can get to deal with people. Please help us pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in dealing with him.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." - Colossians 1:24

Prayer Requests

- To purchase the right property for the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A pastor to train
- Salvation of Zeinaba, 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
- Bible study and soul-winning outreach on Tuesday nights
- Continued health for our family

Praise Report

- A busy and blessed month
- Seven first time visitors this month
- We are encouraged by the spiritual progress and positive attitude of the church folks.
- Adiara made a profession of faith
- The chief is coming regularly to the bible study

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Birthdays

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Julie 9/26
Alina 8/12
Kezia 5/26
Anniversary 8/7