

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

December 2018

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Building project

We have begun the construction on the new church location and are making advancements as the folks of the church give of their time and funds for this exciting project. We have already been able to construct most of the wall surrounding the property with the leftover funds from the « land purchase fundraiser. » It has been encouraging to see many show up on different days to dig foundations, make bricks and mix concrete and sand by hand. Working on the property has also been a great outreach opportunity- curious bystanders and neighbors observe and come to inquire about the project and we get to present the Gospel to them. This new location will have a bathroom, an apartment, a storage room, a kitchen area, the church auditorium, a nursery, a Sunday school class for children, and an office. We are beginning to raise funds for these facilities, which have been estimated to cost \$30,000. To donate funds for the advancement of this building project, please designate the funds for the “church building.” Donations may be sent to: *World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions P.O. Box 725, Kings Mountain, NC 28086* or click [here](http://knickinburkinafaso.com) to donate online. You may see the progress of the construction on our family website at knickinburkinafaso.com.



1st Christmas in Burkina with family

We were overjoyed to host my father in our home to spend Christmas with us this year. This was the first time we had family with us in Burkina for Christmas! What a wonderful time the girls had with their grandpa Knickerbocker! Dad taught the Christmas story for the kids club and preached in the church's Christmas service. The morning he left, Alina looked all over the house for him, saying « gra-pa? gra-pa?? ». It was bittersweet to see him leave, but we were blessed with the short time the Lord allowed us to have together. We are thankful that this year, the church members really stepped up to help with the Christmas and new Year's preparations. This left Julie with much less work on her shoulders than previous years, allowing her to plan a Christmas Tea for the church ladies. They had a great time of fellowship with a lesson, games, paper snowflake making, and plenty of tea, cookies, and finger sandwiches!

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



Prayer Requests

- Safety and wisdom as we build on the church property
- Building funds: \$30,000
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A pastor to train
- Salvation of Zeinaba, Abdoulaye, & the chief
- A stable job for Vincent, Blaise, David, and Serge
- Bienvenu's University education
- The spiritual growth of Batian, David, and Adiara
- Soap and taxi-moto business
- Bible study and soul-winning outreach on Tuesday nights
- Continued health for our family
- The fight against terrorists in Burkina Faso

Praise Report

- Began constructing on new property
- Had encouraging Christmas eve and New Year's services
- Blessed with family visits
- Mr. Batian got a job

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Birthdays

- Stephen 9/15
- Julie 9/26
- Alina 8/12
- Kezia 5/26
- Anniversary 8/7

“And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.” - Luke 2:15