

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Security in Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is located on the southern border of the Sahara desert which harbors terrorist activity in West Africa. Terrorism in Burkina has increased progressively since our arrival in 2014, and it has reached a point where the US Embassy recommends that we do not leave the capital city of Ouagadougou for safety concerns. There has been more frequent attacks these last few months, abductions, attacks on police and armed forces, and threats directed toward Christians and schools in efforts to convert them to Islam. As a result of the increased terrorist activity, many schools have been closed, the vice president has resigned from office, and civilians in neighboring provinces have been threatened and killed. The government is responding to this organized threat, but is overwhelmed and needs foreign help to deal with this situation. Please pray for the security situation in the country as we serve in Burkina. We feel safe for the moment and we are thrilled to be serving God here. We cannot think of doing anything else, anywhere else, but must inform everyone of this serious prayer request.



digging the foundation for the bathroom and for an apartment, which will allow us to have city water on property. We are planning on moving the framework of the current church building onto the new property during the month of March and will continue the construction as we meet on the new property. 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](#) to donate online. You may see the progress of the construction on our family website at knickinburkinafaso.com.

Master of Ministry Graduation

These last 2 years, I have been busy taking classes online to help further my education in ministry so that I may better train national pastors for the ministry. Although adjusting my schedule to include the demands of the ministry, family, and extra studies has been challenging, the classes have been most helpful, enriching, and quite refreshing. I am scheduled to walk in my cap and gown on May 6th at The Crown College of the Bible's graduation ceremony. Because of this event, our family will be coming back to the states for a month. Even though we will only be in the USA for a short time (27th of April - 29th of May), we have a few open dates for meetings should any church want us to come give a report or present our ministry. Our available dates are: Wednesday May 1st, Sunday morning and evening 19th of May, and Wednesday 22nd of May. The best way to contact us is through e-mail at knickinburkina@gmail.com.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." - Galatians 6:10

Construction project

\$30,000

\$22,500

\$15,000

\$7,500

\$1,750

\$0

Donations

Construction update

The construction is progressing slowly, but surely, as the folks of the church volunteer their time to help. We have begun

Prayer Requests

- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- Building funds: \$30,000
- The fight against terrorism in Burkina Faso
- 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
- Transition of the church to the new property

Praise Report

- \$1,750 was given for construction project
- Construction keeps going
- David has an exemplary life and is helping us to teach with Bienvenu and Aimé
- Adiara is making good progress

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Birthdays

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