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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Construction and ministry

We are moving along with the construction site of the church. We have recently closed in the property with a gate (as seen in the picture below). We are currently working on the section of the property which will contain a bathroom with a septic tank, an appartement, and a storage room. We need to complete this portion of the property before we move the dismantable building. The church has invested \$554 into the construction project and remains excited about the advancements of the construction. \$6,927 has been donated so far for the project! 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.

Also, Julie enjoyed the opportunity to teach a class segment, through video technology, with some Crown College ladies wanting "tips before getting to the mission field." We also rejoice that we were able to hold a special "sweetheart dinner" with the couples of the church.



More pictures at knickinburkinafaso.com

advantages of this new soul winning opportunity is two fold: Sunday is the best day to find people home, and many of our church members who work or are in school all other days, are available for this ministry opportunity. We are still doing door to door soul winning efforts each week on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is exciting to see folks teaming up together to present the Gospel of Christ to the lost. Please pray that the folks would remain excited and involved in this ministry opportunity.

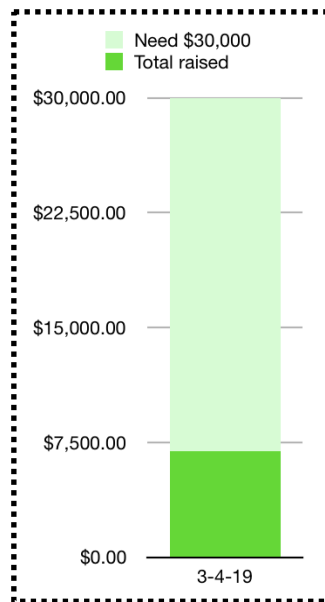
The tragic death of a young man

About 2 years ago, the Lord allowed us to meet Vincent who is a friendly, young man. He trusted Christ as his Savior and has since experienced opposition from his unbelieving family members. Because of this, he has been hesitant to be baptized. Besides his wavering, he keeps coming to church and keeps bringing his friends. One of those friends who has come a handful of times to the church meetings was Arnaud. This 25 year old young man died unexpectedly of hypertension. The last time I saw Arnaud, he said that since he has been coming to our church he sensed a change in his life. I attended his burial ceremony and Vincent let me know that Arnaud had mentioned his desire to follow the Lord in baptism. It is not wise to pronounce someone saved or not, but it seems that this young man demonstrated fruit that could only be explained by a new birth in Christ. Arnaud's death has been a bit of a wake up call for Vincent, and he has recently expressed his desire to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. I visited the family to present my condolences and the catholic family shared with me that since Arnaud had been coming to our church, he had been regularly reading the Bible that we had given him. Please pray for the salvation and consolation of Arnaud's family. Please pray for Vincent to be serious in his decisions for the Lord.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." - 11 Corinthians 5:11



Soul-winning on Sundays

On the first Sunday of the month, we began an additional soul winning ministry. We did a survey in the church to know when was the best time for people to give of their time to help with the organized soul winning ministry of the church. Although Sunday is already a busy day for everyone, it was the day of choice for most. The Sunday soul-winning efforts begin after the morning church service. The

Prayer Requests

- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- Building funds: \$30,000
- Transition of the church to the new property
- The new Sunday soul winning ministry
- 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

Praise Report

- \$6,927 was given for construction project
- Construction keeps going
- We have been very healthy
- Only one class left in my Masters program

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Birthdays

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