

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

March 2019

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Construction in March

The construction is moving forward and the foundation for the bathroom, apartment, and storage room is complete. We have begun to construct the wall for this building with cement blocks and are digging the hole for the septic tank. Although there remains much to accomplish, it is exciting to see the project coming together. The folks of the church are encouraged by the progress and are eager to transition to this new location. In order to transition and meet on the new property, we are awaiting certain government documents. Please pray they would process quickly so that we would be able to transition the main auditorium onto the new property. We would like to take the time to thank the Lord for a church that has donated \$2,500 to the building project this last month. Should anyone desire 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.

International Women's Day

March 8th is a big deal in Burkina Faso. It is the only day women are recognized in any way. The Burkinabé love to celebrate by buying matching fabric to wear and getting together to fellowship. A sister church asked our church to join them for this celebration. We worked together to prepare a special day for the young and old, married and unmarried women of the church. While the ladies enjoyed teaching sessions on godly womanhood, sang songs and played games, several men from each church represented worked together to prepare a meal. Julie was asked to teach on Titus 2 about women teaching the younger women - a subject that is personally close to her heart. It is our desire to see these hardworking women strive to please the Lord in all they do, no matter what situation of life they find themselves to be in at the present moment. Our desire is not only that they would learn from us about what Christ expects of them, but that they would develop a strong desire to see the lives of the women and children of their community be transformed by Christ as well. I am grateful for my wife and the love we share for the Lord, for one another, for our children, and for the people of Burkina Faso. She is a tremendous help to me and the ministry. We praise the Lord for the privilege to represent Christ to the people of Burkina Faso.

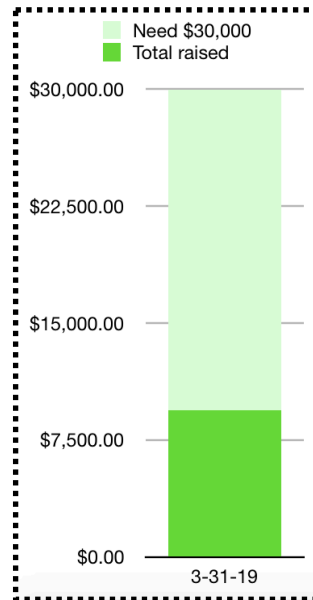
Vincent's Baptism

Vincent has been with us for over 2 years. When he first trusted Christ as his Savior, he began to progress rapidly in his desire to serve the Lord and learn from His word. When studying the question of baptism and his desire to become a member of the church, he was opposed by his mom who did not understand why her son needed to be baptized again. Vincent was discouraged because of family opposition and eventually stopped coming to church. After a long time of trying to encourage him to keep walking with the Lord, he started attending church meetings, but was never as faithful as he once had been. It was at the funeral service of one of his friends, which we mentioned in the last prayer letter, that he talked about needing to be baptized. He had a conversation, once again, with his mother and she supported her son's decision to be baptized. Her approval was very important to Vincent, because his father passed away when he was younger and has since been very close to his mother. We rejoice with Vincent that, through difficulties, the Lord has worked a change of attitude in his mother's heart toward's Vincent's desire to be biblically baptized. The Lord has also done a great work in Vincent's heart, encouraging him not to give up, but to keep moving forward by faith in his walk with the Him.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." - 11 Corinthians 3:18



Prayer Requests

- Upcoming trip to the USA for Stephen's graduation.
- 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
- Soap and taxi-moto business
- Bible study and soul-winning outreach on Tuesday nights
- Continued health for our family

Praise Report

- \$2,500 was given for construction project
- Construction keeps going
- Vincent's baptism
- Julie had the opportunity to speak to a group of 40+ women.

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Birthdays

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