

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

June 2019

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Replacement ministry

Due to our last minute change of plans, we headed back toward my brother's home in Newark, DE at the beginning of the month. Shortly after arriving, his one year old son was admitted to the hospital because of pneumonia. He and his wife needed to spend Saturday night at the hospital with their son. Because of this situation, my brother Samuel asked me to preach for Sunday School and the morning service. This was a trying time for him and his family and they were glad for our change of plans. It is neat to think that if we had returned to Burkina in our original timeframe, we would not have been there to help them out with ministry, their children, and some home projects. The Lord knows what he is doing, even when we do not. We were also able to schedule a few last minute meetings with churches who had contacted us earlier to come and report on what the Lord has been doing in Burkina. We rejoice that during our extended stay in the US, a church voted to support us financially!

Julie's paperwork

It is with a grateful heart that we inform you that Julie was finally able to have her biometrics appointment. This will allow her to remain a green card holder even though she will not be on US soil, and allow her to re-enter the USA after a prolonged absence. We will now be working on the remainder of her immigration paperwork so that she can eventually acquire her US citizenship. Thank you for your prayers for this important need.

Back in Burkina

We returned to Burkina on the evening of the 19th and we praise the Lord that our girls traveled very well. It was encouraging to get back into the work that God has called us to and to hear the many positive reports during our absence, and the only few negative ones. It was also exciting to hear that several members from the church who had been praying for employment were hired to work. We rejoice over these answers to prayer. Although there were a few that did not faithfully attend the church meetings in our absence, we are encouraged that the vast majority remained faithful. We also started working again on the construction site and are moving forward with the building project.

We are thankful that while in one of our supporting churches in the US, an individual gave a \$1,000 toward the building project. 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.

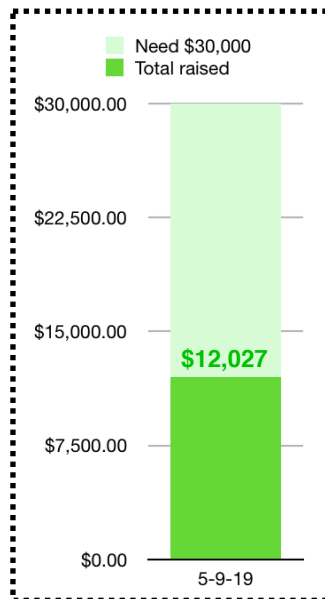
On another note, we wanted to add to all of those who follow us through social media, that although we are keeping a presence on certain websites and apps, we have begun to filter, privatize, and diminish our social networking posts, especially those in relevance to our church planting and missionary work in Burkina Faso. This is due to the uncertain changes we are currently seeing in the country.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"God...Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number." - Job 9:1, 10



Prayer Requests

- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- Building funds: \$17,973 needed
- Transition of the church to the new property
- 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
- Continued health and safety for our family

Praise Report

- \$1,000 was given from an individual in one of our supporting churches
- Julie was able to secure the document needed to further the process of acquiring her US citizenship
- We had a wonderful time with my brother Samuel Knickerbocker and his family
- We had a safe trip back to Burkina
- 2 of our church folks got a job

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Birthdays

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

