

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

August 2019

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Building project update

The first building is coming up beautifully and, Lord willing, we should be able to put windows, doors and a roof on it by the end of next month. We are still waiting for government documents which will allow us to install city water and electricity. Please pray for the paperwork to go through quickly.

We are thankful that a christian business man from our community heard of the building project and decided to come and see it for himself while we were working. He wrote a \$380 check on the spot, which is enough to cover the cost of 2 tons of cement. It was an encouragement to have people around us wanting to support the work that God has given us to do. Please continue praying that our testimony would positively impact our community.

Comforting another

One of our visitors at church this month asked us to pray for his sister in law who was in the hospital. He explained that she was expecting, but the child had suddenly died and she would need to deliver her stillborn any moment. Our hearts were broken for the young mother and we determined to visit her, knowing she was beginning a long, difficult journey, with a tremendous burden to carry. Julie and I found someone to keep our daughters as we made this visit. God has given us a heart to comfort, because of the comfort that He gave us five years ago when we went through a similar experience.

After making an initial visit, the sorrowing mother asked if we would be willing to meet again to speak of the tormenting questions that were continually going through her mind. Of course we agreed to speak to her and to accompany her through this time of doubts, fears and guilt. Please pray for Nadia, who is a professing christian, that she would lean on the Lord and find strength to help in this time of need.

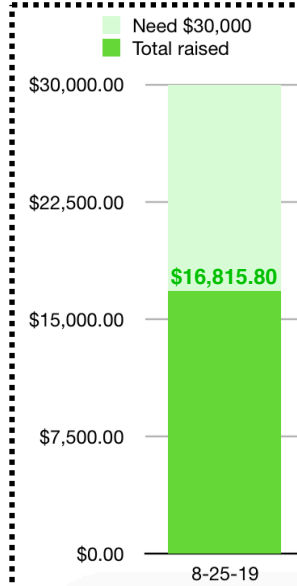
Bienvenu's education

One of the young men of the church was abandoned by his rich uncle who financed his education when it had been discovered that he attended an evangelical church. Because of that, Bienvenu was going to return to the village with his poor family where he would work the fields the rest of his life. He had graduated at the top of his class and had received a full scholarship to attend a private university. When Julie and I witnessed his faithfulness to church and his spiritual growth, we decided to support Bienvenu financially. Thanks be to God, Bienvenu completed his 2 year degree in transport and logistics with very good grades. He has stayed faithful to the Lord, the church meetings, and has greatly matured in his faith these last 2 years. He is currently working an internship in a private company and praying about God's direction in his life: to get a job or to further his studies with a master's degree. Help us join him in praying for direction in his life.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"The God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." - 11. Cor. 1:3-4



Prayer Requests

- Teaching David and Bienvenu to assist in pastoral care of the church
- We need a newer and more reliable vehicle
- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- Building funds: **\$13,184.20 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, Bienvenu, Moussa, and Serge
- Continued health and safety for our family

Praise Report

- Two churches and an individual have sent funds for the building project.
- Bienvenu completed his second year at the university.
- The church building project is moving along.

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Birthdays

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