

# STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

**September 2019**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## A roof on our heads

Thanks be to God for allowing us to install a roof on the apartment phase of the church's building project. It is nice to be shaded from the blistering heat of the sun. There is much still to do, but it feels good to be on top of things. Our next big step is to get the bathroom functional, which will allow us to move the church meetings to the new property. Even though the project is far from completion, having a functional bathroom will be quite luxurious compared to our present « no bathroom » condition. We trust the Lord to make the move to the new property before the end of this year. Please help us pray for this objective.

## New car

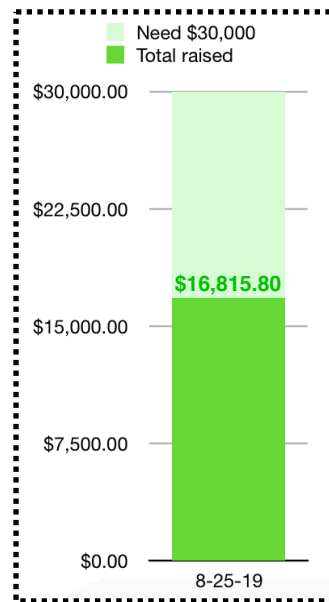
Thank you to all who prayed that the Lord would provide us with a newer vehicle. God has continually given us favor with our former landlord, who amongst many business activities, buys and sells imported cars from America. The last time we talked to him, he only had one vehicle left to sell: a 2015 Toyota RAV4. Abdoulaye, our landlord, was very gracious in allowing us to purchase this vehicle by giving him a deposit upfront, and paying the balance over the next few months. We were able to give him \$6,500 which we had already saved up, and still owe \$10,000. We plan, with God's help, to pay the remainder of the debt at a rate of \$1,000 a month. Please help us pray that we would have the capability to manage this swiftly. We thank the Lord for a church that has already given \$1,000 toward this need. If anyone wishes to help us pay the remainder of what we owe, you may do so by designating the funds for the car.

## 2020 Furlough

It is difficult to believe that over 5 years have passed since we first moved to Burkina Faso. Although we have returned several times to the USA on quick business related trips and for Kezia's birth, we've never taken an official furlough to report back to our supporting churches. We are planning our first furlough, **beginning in August, 2020 and ending in July, 2021.** We will be available to report in our supporting churches and we will also take time to present our ministry in new churches. Should anyone desire to schedule a meeting for our 2020 furlough, the best way to contact us is through our e-mail address 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*



## Prayer Requests

- Teaching David and Bienvenu to assist in pastoral care of the church
- We need to pay off our car debt of \$10,000.
- Conference night: Oct. 25th
- 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

## Praise Report

- A church gave toward the car debt
- Two new families have started attending the church
- We have a roof on the construction site of the church
- Was invited to speak at a youth event

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## Birthdays

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

*"Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust,  
for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty." - Isaiah 2:10*