

STEPHEN & JULIE KNICKERBOCKER BURKINA FASO

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,



Construction Progress

This last month, we installed the sample door and window that is going to be used for the whole property. This is an encouraging step as we now have a closed room where we keep construction equipment on site instead of transporting it back and forth from our house.

At the end of the month, we successfully poured the last foundations for the church auditorium. So far, we are right on track to move to the new location before the end of November. We are spending extra time working on the construction site to reach this goal. Please pray there would be no complications during the dismantling and reassembling of the church building. Help us pray for the installation of city water and electricity. We were able to get the ball rolling with those two needs and are praying that they would be installed in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your prayers for this.

Individual Soul Liberty

We held our annual "Why am I Baptist?" conference. Since Burkina Faso's protestant movement is dominated by the Assembly of God church, we are often confused with them by the Muslims and Catholics. Most who attend an Assembly of God church do not know the differences between their beliefs and the Baptist convictions. Therefore, we take the time, once a year, to highlight what makes "Baptist" beliefs different from the protestant movement. This year, the Lord led me to underscore the distinctive of "Individual Soul Liberty." I asked a Burkinabé pastor from a Baptist church in the northern part of the country to be our keynote speaker. There were around 70 people in attendance, many of whom thanked me for this informative and helpful meeting.

Ladies Conference

Julie was asked by another missionary lady to speak at a ladies conference. Since the theme of the conference was "Prayer", she taught on prayer and was able to use many examples of answered prayers we have personally experienced in our lives to encourage the ladies. It was a great reminder to us as she prepared her lesson that God has been so good and gracious to our family. We are grateful that a good group of ladies from our church attended this meeting. Julie was especially encouraged by the joy, camaraderie, and close attention to the teachings our ladies displayed throughout the day. We are thankful the Lord has closely knit together the ladies of the church.

2020 Furlough Scheduling

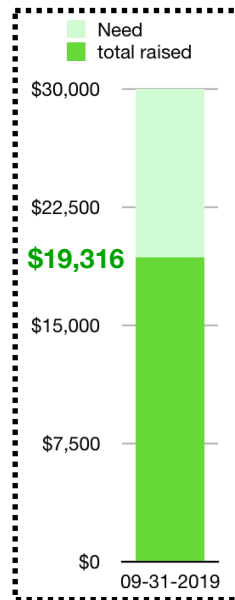
We have begun scheduling meetings for our 12 months furlough which will **begin in August, 2020 and end in July, 2021. Our schedule is filling up quickly for the Fall of 2020.** We will be available to report in our supporting churches and we will also take time to present our ministry in new churches. 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

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

- Romans 14:12



Prayer Requests

- Teaching David and Bienvenu to assist in pastoral care of the church
- Car debt: **\$8,500.**
- 3rd Church anniversary: **Nov. 24th**
- Building funds: **\$10,684 needed**
- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- Transition of the church to the new property
- The fight against terrorism in Burkina Faso
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- Salvation of Zeinaba, Abdoulaye, & the chief
- A stable job for Vincent, Blaise, David, Bienvenu, Moussa, and Serge

Praise Report

- A muslim lady named Hafsatou made a profession of faith through door to door soul winning efforts and has been attending church regularly.
- Julie was invited to speak at a ladies conference which was well attended by the ladies of our church.



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Birthdays

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