

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

April 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

David is better

Thank you to all who have prayed for David. I have been corresponding with him in recent weeks and was able to talk with him through a video call. He expressed that he feels back to normal and others have confirmed that he seems to be himself again. When speaking with him, it appears that he was angered by frustration with someone in particular which led to his threatening behavior. We do not know all the medical details associated with this change in behavior, but I am glad the situation was resolved. I am reluctant to place upon him any burden of responsibility at this moment as it could be too much pressure for him to handle. Please keep praying that David would lean on the Lord during stressful situations. Help us also pray that his testimony would be restored among those who were adversely affected.



The church meetings

Our missionary friend, Dallas Brown, who has been helping with David's health situation, also proposed to hold meetings with a few members of our church so that they may be encouraged while church gatherings are suspended. This has been an encouragement to us and to those who were able to attend those meetings. I also posted a couple short videos on the churches facebook page to encouraged the believers and reach the lost with the Gospel during this time when many are seeking hope.

I have recently been informed that my return flight to Burkina Faso has been cancelled by the airline company until further notice. As of May 1st, Burkina's air and land borders are still closed. I am currently researching other flight options in case the country reopens by June. Help us pray as we plan my trips back and forth, that the Lord would give us guidance for the timing.

Gearing up for furlough

We recently put a video update together that we will be presenting to churches during our furlough starting in August. We will use this video to report to supporting churches and present in new churches. The update video may be viewed on our website at knickinburkinafaso.com. We have also put together an updated prayer card and table display. We trust that by the time August arrives, churches will be meeting again. If churches are interested, we will gladly do a live video call or video recording. Should any church desire for us to report or present our ministry, please contact me at knickinburkina@gmail.com or by phone at (865) 742-0324.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. » - Ezekiel 7:19

Prayer Requests

- Health of the church during the pandemic**
- Wisdom in planning trips back to Burkina to carry on with the ministry
- Car debt: \$4,000.**
- Building funds: **\$4,615 needed**
- Bienvenu as he leads the church in our absence**
- Training of the faithful men of the church that they may carry on with the ministry
- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- The fight against terrorism in Burkina Faso
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, Blaise, David, Bienvenu, and Serge
- Salvation of Ivette

Praise Report

- David is better
- Presented in a new church
- Our family is healthy
- The church is meeting in a small group
- Assistance from Dallas Brown

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Birthdays

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