

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

May 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

The church is meeting again

The government of Burkina Faso has allowed religious gatherings to resume and the church in Burkina has started to meet again. I am grateful that it was made possible for me to be present in that first meeting via video call. I was able to talk to all those who were present and lead the prayer meeting before they continued with the worship service. The folks were excited to be back in a church meeting and I am praying that the ministry will keep advancing in a mighty way.

Postponed trip to Burkina

The international airport of Burkina Faso remains closed for the present time and I am, therefore, obligated to postpone my return to Burkina Faso, which was originally planned for the 1st of June. It is hard to tell when the airport will reopen and when it will be possible to make a trip back to Burkina. We got the news that for the moment, only Burkinabé can return to Burkina and they must be quarantined in a hotel for 2 weeks. Please pray that Burkina would open up again before we start our furlough in August so that I may make a trip before then. Keep praying also for the fight on terrorism which has intensified in Burkina during the pandemic.

Support during the pandemic

We are grateful for several of our supporting churches who have temporarily increased their financial support during this time of shut down. In addition to the faithfulness of supporting churches, we had the opportunity to present our ministry in a new church through a video prerecording that was played for their online service. This church later voted to take us on for support. All these blessings were unexpected during these unpredictable times in which we are currently living. We praise the Lord that there are strong churches who are not taking a back seat but who are continuing to advance for the cause of Christ.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” - 1 Timothy 1:7

Prayer Requests

- Health of the church during the pandemic**
- Wisdom in planning trips back to Burkina to carry on with the ministry
- Building funds: **\$4,615 (need)**
- 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
- Growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, Blaise, David, Bienvenu, and Serge
- Salvation of Ivette

Praise Report

- The car debt is paid.
- Our family remains in good health.
- The church is meeting again.
- We have a new supporting church.
- The building project advances.
- Kezia celebrated her 2nd birthday.

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Birthdays

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