The KNICKERBOCKER family church planting in Burkina Easo

June 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Scheduling more meetings

Last month was a good month for scheduling meetings for our upcoming furlough. Several churches contacted us asking to give a report and be a part of their upcoming missions conference. We are thankful that a number of churches are flexible in their schedule. This will allow us to fill any gaps we may have. Should any church desire for us to report or present our ministry, please contact me at <u>knickinburkina@gmail.com</u> or by phone at (865) 742-0324. You may also view our schedule of meetings at knickinburkinafaso.com.

Burkina is re-opening

Burkina Faso is in the reopening phase for its borders and airports. We are getting conflicting information from different sources, but it seems that international travelers could be allowed back into the country, depending on their country of origin, starting in August. If possible, I'll be returning to Burkina in August. We have also received reports that terrorist activities has decreased significantly. This is encouraging to hear amidst the social challenges faced around the world with the Pandemic.

Another blessing

We'd like to announce that Julie is expecting. We are thrilled about these great news and this new blessing. Baby Knickerbocker is due to arrive in early December. As with all previous pregnancies, Julie has been informed by her doctor that her bloodwork has come back abnormal and that her platelets are quite low. We are not surprised by this as it happens when she is expecting a child, but her platelets are currently lower than in her other pregnancies at this stage. We are asking for prayers that her platelet count stays stable and does not drop any lower, avoiding possible complication with the pregnancy and delivery.

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

Stephen 🛈 Julie Knickerbocker

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." - Hebrews 13:13

Prayer Requests

-Julie's pregnancy -Health of the church during the pandemic -Wisdom in planning trips back to Burkina to carry on with the ministry -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

-Terrorist activity has decreased -Our family is healthy -Burkina Faso is opening its boarders -A baby Knickerbocker on the way

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Birthdays

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