

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

August 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

New visitors in Burkina

The church in Burkina is continuing to meet and although some seem to be discouraged by present circumstances, we are encouraged to hear of first times visitors coming during this month. One visitor had known our previous church location and investigated to find our new meeting place. He has been coming faithfully on Sunday mornings. Please pray that the folks of the church would be friendly to the new visitors and be encouraging one to another, no matter the circumstances that may come their way. On that note, we praise the Lord that we were able to purchase my tickets to return to Burkina Faso for about 4 weeks during the month of October. Please help us pray that our family stays safe and healthy as we travel and report back to churches this September.

Julie's ministry

Last month, Julie was asked if she would be available to make a wedding cake and help with decorations for the wedding celebration of a new couple in a supporting church in Delaware. It was a joy for her to be able to spend time with family for a few days, all the while using the skills God has given her to be a blessing to others. On this marriage topic, Julie and I celebrated 10 years of marriage on August 7th. We thank the Lord for bringing us together, for the love He has given us for one another, and for how He is using us as a couple to serve Him.

Covid-19 infection

A few days after Julie's arrival from Delaware, we were informed that numerous individuals with whom she had close contact had tested positive for Covid-19. Julie began to experience symptoms of the virus a few days later, after which time she tested positive for the virus as well. We proceeded to quarantine our family for the recommended amount of time. This led to our first in person meeting for furlough being cancelled so that we could contain the virus. We praise the Lord that after a period of social isolation, no one else in our household developed symptoms. Julie is recovered, and this sickness has not affected her breathing or the baby. We have now tested negative for the Corona virus and will resume travels the first week of September.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." - Hebrews 13:12

Prayer Requests

- Julie's pregnancy
- Health of the church during the pandemic
- Trip to Burkina in October**
- 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

- We celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary
- Cleared of Covid-19
- Baby Knickerbocker is a boy

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Birthdays

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