

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

## September 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### Full Furlough Throttle

Furlough is in full swing with over 4,500 miles driven within a single month. Our travels have stretched from Ocala, Florida to Fort Worth, Texas. Those details are only relevant when we consider the challenge of traveling with a 4 and 2 year old. Aline, our eldest, travels considerably well, but Kezia, is easily prone to motion sickness, which has delayed several of our trips. Other than that, we are having a joyous time as a family going from place to place, singing in the car and trying to find strategic playgrounds where our girls can exert physical energy. It has been a blessing to report back in several of our supporting churches, take part in two missions conferences and acquire a new supporting church.



### Christmas in September

« Thank you » seems too small an expression to express our gratefulness to the Lord for showering His blessings on us through one of our supporting churches. We were invited to be a part of a missions conference, and during those days of meetings, God's people have blessed us, loved us, prayed for us, and given to us. The initiative of this missions minded church has led them to fulfill a number of ministry and personal needs. They even fulfilled many unmentioned wants. Not only were we given gifts as if it was Christmas day, but we received everything we needed to welcome baby Knickerbocker. This was even more than Christmas, it was also a baby shower. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

### Missed train but not

I am thankful to be able to make it to my brothers wedding in France this week. As I write this letter, I am seated in a TGV (Train with Great Velocity) going 200 miles per hour across France's country side. I just concluded a conversation with an elderly Catholic lady from Cameroon who was ready to hear the Gospel. When she entered the train to be seated next to me about an hour prior, she looked discouraged, but after attempting to befriend her, she opened up about her struggles. I proceeded to turn the conversation toward the Gospel of Christ and our Savior's love for her, and her countenance was radically changed. We exchanged contact information and she said that she wanted to learn more. Now I know why I missed my initial train trip and had to get on a different train.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*“Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” - Revelation 5:13*

### Prayer Requests

- Julie's pregnancy
- Alina and Kezia's obedience especially while I'm traveling.
- Trip to Burkina in October**
- Building funds: **\$2,115 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

- Great start to furlough
- Safety on the roads
- A new supporting Church
- Made it safely to France

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### Birthdays

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