

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

December 2020

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Unto us a son is given

During this past Christmas season, we have been blessed with a son. Julie was induced on the 7th of December and gave birth to our son, Korben Asher Knickerbocker. Korben was born weighing 8 lb 7 oz and stretching 20 in long. Although he had difficulty breathing on his own because of fluid in his lungs, he was swiftly stabilized by the staff who took great care of him in the NICU. We praise the Lord that we were able to return home as a family on the 10th. Julie and the baby are doing well and we are learning to adjust our lives with this precious addition to our family.



Elections in Burkina

Thankfully, the elections in Burkina Faso were uneventful. The former president Kaboré was reelected, winning by a landslide, and there were no terrorist activity to disrupt the election process. This is good news for we believe that the safety progress under president Kaboré will continue as he maintains good diplomatic relationships with the US and French government to join the fight against islamic extremism.

Good spirits in the church

As the year drew to a conclusion, I received an encouraging report from pastor Mamadou who has taken leadership of the church. He expressed that the folks of the church are in good spirits and that the prospects for the advancement of the church for 2021 are looking good. Please pray for Choucrat: he is going through several trials as he has recently buried an older brother and his father. As we are able to communicate regularly together, I am pleased to see Choucrat's thirst for the word of God. Help us pray that God would use him to be a bold and compassionate witness to his family.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." 1 Peter 4:16

Prayer Requests

- Scheduling meetings for furlough in 2021
- Bienvenu and Mamadou as they lead the church in our absence
- Translation work
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Safety and wisdom for church construction project
- The fight against terrorism
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, David, Bienvenu, and Serge
- Salvation of Ivette

Praise Report

- Julie and Korben are doing well
- The girls are adjusting very well to Korben's presence
- The elections in Burkina have gone well
- Blaise was able to get a new work schedule freeing his Sundays
- David is maintaining good health

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Birthdays

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