

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

January 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Beginning the New Year

On the first Sunday of 2021, we returned to our home church to dedicate Korben to the Lord. It was encouraging to renew fellowship with our friends and to see the work of the Lord moving forward. As we consider the year 2021, we trust that the Lord will bring us back to Burkina Faso. We have been encouraged by the fact that terrorist attacks have been fewer and that anti-terrorist efforts have yielded good results. We are confident that after our furlough, which will end in July, God will see fit to bring us back to the place and people He has called us to serve.

Traveling Again

It has been a month and a half since Korben was born and we are thrilled to be resuming our travels on furlough as a family. It has been challenging to travel with a newborn, but we are thankful that Korben travels well without much fussing. I was two weeks old when my parents started traveling on deputation, over 33 years ago. Julie and I are thankful that after traveling over 1,500 miles this month, Kezia has not had an incident. From Tennessee, we traveled to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City. It has been encouraging to renew fellowship with supporting churches and pastors, and meeting new friends.

Scheduling Meetings

Although we have been able to schedule a good number of meetings, we still have open Sundays available to report in supporting churches. If any of you would like for us to give an update in your church, please contact us at (865) 742-0324 or knickinburkina@gmail.com. Feel free to consult our schedule of meetings on our website at knickinburkinafaso.com/calendar to see our openings.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:4

Prayer Requests

- Safety as we travel
- 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

- Korben travels well
- The girls are enjoying traveling from church to church to make new friends
- Encouraged by fellowship with churches and by their steadfastness in these times
- The car is running well
- The whole family is healthy

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Birthdays

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