

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

February 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Valentine's banquet

During the month of February, we had the opportunity to report in 4 supporting churches and present in a new church. I was asked on 2 different occasions to speak at church banquets, one of which was a valentine's banquet. We have had couple's meetings and valentines banquets on the mission field, but this was my first time speaking at a Valentine's banquet in America. Although Julie and I have only been married a decade, I was grateful for the opportunity to share God's word concerning the subject of "the thought life in marriage." I am so thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness in allowing us to experience the victories that Julie and I have had since God united our lives in marriage. We are thankful for the privilege to be used of Him to point others to our wonderful and loving Savior.

From Chick-fil-A to the mission field

As I was working at Chick-fil-A during my time in Bible College, I had the privilege to work with a coworker who loved the Lord and who was involved in reaching Russian people in the Knoxville area. Although we became good friends, we eventually lost contact with one another. It wasn't until this month, almost a decade later, that we would meet again after both having been on our respective mission fields for a number of years. What a precious moment it was to renew contact after all these years and enjoy fellowship during a missions conference. It makes me think of how sweet heaven will be when we'll see each other again and exalt the Lord for His love, provision, and power to use us for the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

Car issues

At the beginning of the month, we kept hearing abnormal sounds coming from the car as we drove from meeting to meeting and decided to get the car checked on at the garage. When we first arrived in the states, we were given a 2003 Honda Pilot for free, to use for our family needs and traveling to meetings. We are so grateful that it ran well for quite a while. We quickly learned that the repairs needed to keep it running safely were now exceeding the value of the car, so we knew it was time to part ways with the Honda Pilot. Due to our pressing need for a vehicle, we decided to finance a 2015 Toyota Highlander to complete our furlough, which we will then ship to Burkina Faso to use for the ministry there. It's been a blessing to travel without being concerned about mechanical issues as we still have extensive traveling to do. Please pray as we coordinate shipping logistics for the vehicle.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." Proverbs 23:7

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

- David is back to normal and will be reintegrated in the church program
- Making new missionary friends
- Got a new car that we'll be able to ship to Burkina
- Renewed fellowship with a missionary friend from working at Chick-fil-A

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Alina 8/12
Kezia 5/26
Korben 12/7
Anniversary 8/7