

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

March 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Furlough intermission

We are finding out that traveling with three young children can be a challenge, especially with great distances between meetings. We determined it would be wise to leave Julie and the kids in TN for a couple of weeks while I continued traveling alone to a few meetings. This has allowed Julie and the kids to rest from a lack of routine and long travel days. I flew out for a weekend in TX and another one in MI. Although it wasn't the same to report in supporting churches without the family, we are thankful that the meetings went well. It is always so encouraging to hear folks say that they have been praying for us and for specific things that we have mentioned in our prayer letters. During the time of intermission in our travels, we had the opportunity to host a family gathering which assembled all of our nieces and nephews. Grandpa was especially thrilled to see all his grandkids in one setting for the first time. The house was packed with 11 kids and 7 adults! We had a wonderful time of fellowship together.



Entering the conference season

Toward the end of the month, we had 2 conferences back to back, which was the beginning of a good number of conferences that we've been invited to attend. Pray for us as we are doing much traveling as a family and attend these conferences, usually lasting 4 to 5 days. We are thankful for the new friends we have made, for new prayer partners and for sustaining health as we travel. Please continue praying for us, and especially the kids, as we are traveling and presenting in many churches. We praise the Lord that the kids enjoy traveling and love meeting new people and other children everywhere we go.

Update on the church

As we maintain contact with the folks of the church in Burkina, we are encouraged to hear of good reports. The church's Resurrection Sunday celebration went well and David is still in good health and involved in translation work. Choucrat is remaining faithful, although he recently had a moto accident. One of the families in the church welcomed a baby, and there was a recent first time visitor.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." John 7:7

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

- Choucrat recovered from a moto accident and is doing well.
- We made some new friends.
- Churches have been generous in their love offerings.
- Sustaining health for the family
- We had the opportunity to spend a few days with family.
- Jesus is risen like He said!

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Birthdays

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