

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

**May 2021**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## **Furlough meetings**

This May, we had the opportunity to present our ministry in 2 new churches and report in 5 supporting churches. For these meetings, we traveled to Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. We are thankful for safety on the roads and for the encouragement of renewing fellowship with old friends and forge new friendship with others. We are reminded of the importance of bringing the need before the people and refresh their vision for world evangelism. We are apt to forget what we have seen in years past and need reminders to look onto the fields for they are white unto harvest.

## **Korben's surgery update**

We praise the Lord that Korben's surgery went very well. His surgeon was able to remove all the extra cartilage between his neck muscles with only one incision. The surgery took a little over 1 hour and the recovery has been a breeze. He has been as happy as usual and moving about, seeming as though he wasn't affected at all by this outpatient procedure. He has been teething, and to our surprise, his gums have been hurting him more than the incision on his neck. We thank the Lord for a strong boy who is full of joy, health and energy.

## **Shipping the car**

We are praising the Lord for the many ways He continually opens doors of opportunities for our family. This month, we dropped off our car in NYC, packed with personal belongings to set up our home again in Burkina Faso. The car will be loaded onto a container by a Burkinabé business man that we met the first week after we arrived in Burkina 6 years ago. Since then, This man has started a business and ships cars and other large items to Burkina from America. We have used his services before for small items and are thankful the Lord allowed us to meet many years ago. Mr. Traore has been a great friend to us and the Lord has used him countless time to assist us. Help us pray the car and belongings arrive in Burkina, without any complications, by August 2021.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." - Acts 5:41*

## **Prayer Requests**

- Business success for Choucrat and Bienvenu
- The successful shipping of the car
- Safety as we travel
- 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, and Serge
- Spiritual growth of Choucrat
- Salvation of Ivette

## **Praise Report**

- Korben has recovered from the surgery with no difficulty
- We presented our ministry in 2 new churches
- Choucrat is witnessing to friends
- The car was dropped off for shipping

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## **Birthdays**

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