

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

June 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Family Reunion

Earlier this month, we had the opportunity to attend a Knickerbocker family reunion in Florida. It was 4 days of fun and fellowship with over 50 in attendance. It was good to see all the younger cousins interact while the adults conversed. One recurring praise during the week was the fact that so many of us in the family are involved in the Lord's work and doing what we can to rear our children for the Lord. We praise the Lord for this precious, godly heritage. We are thankful that we were able to have this blessed time between meetings. We reported in supporting churches in the states of AL, FL, and NC.



Choucrat's spiritual growth

Choucrat is a young man who had made a profession of faith in Christ during my last trip to Burkina Faso in October 2020. He has been going through several personal challenges and has kept in touch with me since we first met 7 months ago. Just recently, he shared the Gospel with some of his childhood friends. As we were conversing through social media, I was asking him questions about the Gospel to confirm the decision that he made to trust Christ as his personal Savior and I was blessed to hear him affirm the nature of the Gospel of Christ and how it is the only way to God the Father. He has already introduced me to some of his friends and family and is gaining zeal in sharing his faith in Christ. Thank you for your prayers for Choucrat. Please pray for him as he endeavors to start a business and be a witness for the Lord.

Julie's Citizenship

Julie, being a Canadian citizen with a US residency card, has recently satisfied all the requirements for US naturalization. She can now submit all the final paperwork and wait for biometric and interview appointment dates to be given to her to finalize her American citizenship status. Under her current green card status, she could only leave America for 12 months at a time, and had to continually re-file for an absence permit, every year, in person and in a stateside immigrations office, before the expiration date of the last yearly permit. For this very complicated reason, we know it is best to apply for citizenship so that she will not have to always come back to America on a yearly basis to renew paperwork. Please pray that these citizenship appointments would be made as early as possible, that the lawyer working on her case would be efficient in every aspect of the application process, and that the whole ordeal would be done without delays.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." - Galatians 5:6

Prayer Requests

- Business success for Choucrat
- 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

- Wonderful family reunion
- We reported in a supporting church that we never met and it was the most encouraging time to meet and fellowship with the members of that church.
- Safety on the roads
- Everyone is healthy
- 100 terrorist neutralized in BF

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Birthdays

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