

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

July 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Furlough completed

July was our last month of meetings and we are grateful to report that our furlough was a success. Our meetings took place in the states of CT, NY, NJ, PA, OH, MI, IN, IL, TN, VA, NC, GA, AL, FL, TX, and CO. Through all those travels, we were blessed with safety. We were also blessed by the renewed fellowship with friends and the new relationships we were able to start. Although traveling was wearisome at times, we were thrilled to refresh the minds and hearts of God's people with the burden of reaching the people of Burkina Faso for the cause of Christ and to report on the continuing ministry going on there. During our last month of meetings, we were able to go to Colorado to report in a supporting church. We took advantage of that opportunity to go sight seeing with Julie's father who flew in from TN to join us for family time in the rockies. The views were breathtaking and the time with family was sweet.



Returning to Burkina Faso

We are currently preparing for my return to Burkina Faso on August 18th. I will be going back to Burkina to get a new house set up and will be moving forward with the ministry to see the Bible Baptist Church reach an autonomous state. Julie and the children will be staying stateside as I work on the logistics of getting our living situation together. We are also awaiting certain documents for the kids and Julie before we can all travel as a family. Please be in prayer for wisdom and health as I return to Burkina and for Julie as she takes care of the children and their education.

Translation project

Our sending church has a ministry called *School of the Bible* which is designed for "strengthening local churches and the community through education by providing additional systematic Bible and ministry training designed for laypeople." I was given the opportunity to translate these courses into French to make this ministry available to churches in French speaking countries. I am excited to report that I am translating the last course and will be done before my return to Burkina. If anyone is interested in this ministry, feel free to visit thecrowncollege.edu/academics/school-of-the-bible.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"Then there arose a reasoning among them,
which of them should be greatest." - Luc 9:46*

Prayer Requests

- Return to Burkina Faso in August to get set up
- Julie as she stays Stateside with the children
- The shipping of the car
- Korben and Alina's passport
- Julie's biometrics appointment for citizenship
- Business success for Choucrat
- Spiritual growth of Choucrat
- Bienvenu and Mamadou as they lead the church in our absence
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, David, and Serge
- Salvation of Ivette
- The fight against terrorism

Praise Report

- Successful Furlough
- Returning to Burkina soon
- Korben is crawling
- Alina is handing gospel tracts to neighbors
- We enjoyed visiting the beautiful state of Colorado

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Birthdays

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