

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

August 2021

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Back in Burkina

On the 18th of August, I boarded a plane to return to Burkina Faso. I had mixed emotions as I was eager to resume our ministry with the folks that God gave us in Burkina Faso but also saddened to leave my family in the US. Although it was a long trip, the coming joy of renewing fellowship with the folks of the church made it seem much shorter. I'm thankful that some of the church members took the time to clean my apartment before my arrival as 10 months worth of red dust had collected itself inside. I soon found several new residents in the apartment- Mice. They were not ready to concede their comfortable encampment, but I was successful in neutralizing 7 of them and witnessed 2 fugitives run away to a new adventure.



Visiting church members

After running a number of errands to get daily life necessities going again and making the apartment livable, I began visiting the members of the church. To my joy, I listened to each one testify of how the Lord worked in their lives during our long absence. One lady said that she used to pray to cast her cares on the Lord but would go on worrying. She said that she now has peace and has learned to trust the Lord. Another member shared his amazement as he began tithing and noticed his life was much smoother. He declared that he couldn't believe he hadn't started tithing earlier! Please join us in praying for discernment in identifying a national pastor that we can begin training. Another member, by the name of Serge, has expressed a desire to be in the ministry. I was encouraged by his faithfulness and evident progress in the faith during our absence. I have started to invest much time with him to see if the Lord confirms that Serge could be God's choice for the pastorate.

The car has landed

The car that we purchased on deputation has arrived in Burkina Faso in good condition, with a few new scratches, but with all our belongings tucked safely inside. I have been running around getting it registered and working on getting customs fees paid. Thank you to those who have helped us pray and provided for this specific need.

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



Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.” - 1 Corinthians 7:9

Prayer Requests

- Beginning to train Serge for the ministry
- Korben and Alina and Julie's visa
- My health as I adjust back to Burkina
- Completion of building project
- Julie as she stays States side with the children
- Julie's biometrics appointment for citizenship (\$1,795 attorney fees)
- Business success for Choucrat
- Spiritual growth of Choucrat
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, David, and Serge
- The fight against terrorism

Praise Report

- I'm back in Burkina
- The car arrived successfully
- Encouraging testimony of church folks
- Ivette professed faith in Christ

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Alina 8/12
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Korben 12/7
Anniversary 8/7