

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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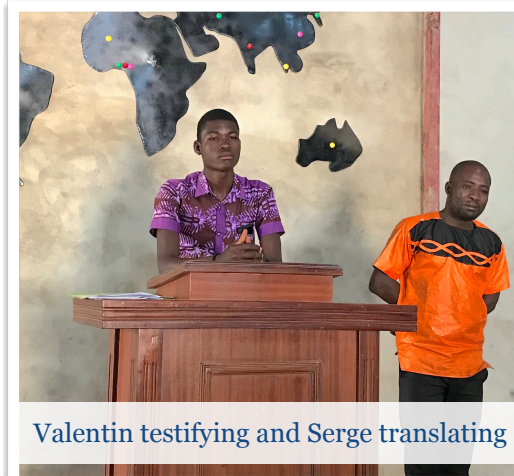
Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Testimonies

After spending 4 weeks with the family in the US, I returned to Burkina Faso on the 15th of January. Upon my return, I was so encouraged by the testimonies of the church folks. Omar, our recently elected deacon, told me that while I was stateside, everyone who led in the church meetings did a wonderful job and the spirit of the church was so wonderful that it felt as though I had never left. Another man told me that Bienvenu, who had several opportunities to preach, preaches like the pastor. It was a joy to hear that the amount of time spent training Bienvenu in previous years is producing fruit. Praise the Lord for these exciting testimonies!

Two baptisms

Michel and Valentin are two young men who have made a profession of faith and have been discipled. After giving a public testimony of faith in Christ before the church, we baptized them on the morning of the 23rd. Michel is extremely shy and was dreading the prospect of speaking before a crowd. For this reason, I invited him to have his testimony written down to help him through this new experience. To my surprise, when he began to share his salvation testimony, he had left his notes behind. What a thrill to hear his salvation testimony and his zeal for the Lord in the midst of this personal challenge! Please keep praying for Michel and Valentin as they keep growing in their faith and discover their place in God's plan.



Valentin testifying and Serge translating

Training Serge

Here is my favorite part of this prayer letter! I am taking Wednesdays and Thursdays to train Serge for the ministry. This has been such a pleasant time. I have completed a class on « Old Testament Survey » with him and have taken the time to walk him through the preparation of a sermon. On the last Thursday of January, while we were going through sermon preparations, I was particularly amazed because he contributed in ways that actually helped me in the preparation of a sermon. He is progressing slowly, but surely, and I am eager to see what the Lord has in store for him. Thank you to all who are praying for the leadership of the church. Please keep up this vital work of prayer.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father” - 1 Thess. 1:3

Prayer Requests

- Training Serge for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Valentin, Michel, and Romaric
- Julie's biometrics appointment for citizenship (\$1,045 attorney fees left)
- Julie as she stays Stateside with the children
- Korben, Alina, and Julie's visa
- Completion of building project
- 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
- Transition of government because of a coup

Praise Report

- Wonderful time with the family
- \$250 toward Julie's paperwork fees have been given
- \$3,000 has been given to help with Stephen's additional traveling expenses
- Pastoral training for Serge is going well.

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Birthdays

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