# The KNICKERBOCKER family church planting in Burkina Faso

# **March 2022**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Julie's ministry

As I am furthering the work in Burkina Faso and Julie is waiting to be given a date for her final citizenship interview, the Lord has given her several opportunities to minister while she is in the US. Recently, she was asked to speak for a monthly ladies' meeting. Upon my short return to the US, it was a joy to see Julie prepare for the lesson and look forward to teaching other ladies, something she greatly misses doing with our ladies of the church in Burkina Faso.



**Back for a wedding** 

Over 25 years ago, Julie's mother divorced her father because of his faith in Christ. After many years of waiting, Julie's father, Philip, met a wonderful christian lady named Michele. Their friendship matured into a sincere love for one another and they were married on march 18th, 2022. I was thankful to be able to attend my father in law's wedding. Julie had the opportunity to help with the decorations and wedding planning, something she loves to do. We are thanking God as this is an answer to years of prayers for Julie's family. We are truly blessed to welcome Michele into our family.





While I was back for the wedding, we had the opportunity to attend a missions conference in the state of Washington. Back in January, Pastor Paisley invited our family to attend the church's annual missions conference. They have a desire to financially support a missionary in every country of the world. It was a pleasure to meet the folks of Riverview Baptist Church and introduce them to the country of Burkina Faso, to our ministry and to our family. I was especially encouraged by the testimony of pastor Paisley who has lived a life of faithfulness to the Lord and is still going strong. To our delight, he picked us up from the airport, helped us with our luggage, and was readily available for each missionary family in attendance at the conference. What a great example of a pastor who loves to serve the Lord and others.

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

Stephen 🕲 Julie Knickerbocker

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus" - I Thess. 2:14

### **Prayer Requests**

- -Julie's final interview for citizenship
- -Training Serge for the ministry -Spiritual growth of Valentin, Michel, and Adama
- -Julie as she stays States side 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**

- -Julie's opportunity to speak at a ladies' meeting
- -The wedding of Julie's father -Had an encouraging missions
- conference
  -We have 2 new supporting churches
- -The need for attorney expenses has been met!

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#### **Birthdays**

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