

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

July 2022

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Still waiting

We have not heard back from the USCIS office. We've been informed that the Nashville office is backed up due to a lack of employees, which could extend our wait to hear back on whether or not Julie's paperwork will be approved for citizenship. We are not permitted to inquire about the status of her paperwork until the last week of August. Because of this extended waiting time, I am prayerfully considering making another 2 month trip to Burkina Faso. Please pray for God's grace for our family during this time of patiently waiting on answers from the government.



Family reunion

Earlier in July, we were able to attend a get together with my parents, two brothers, and their families. It was a refreshing time in the mountains of West Virginia with 12 grandkids animating the stay. After this family time in the mountains, we followed my parents to the outer banks of North Carolina where dad recently began pastoring a church. It was a privilege to meet the folks of that church and to minister through singing and preaching. We praise the Lord for what He is continually doing through our extended family and are eager to see what God has for all of us in the upcoming years.

Update on the church

The church in Burkina is doing well. The members keep reaching out to souls through the Gospel tent initiative every week and we are hearing of specific answers to prayer among the church members. They also organized a soccer competition for the kids of the neighborhood, an event at which they will present the Gospel.

There has recently been a little discord between the leaders of the church and the group of new believers in Saaba. It seems to be over frivolous subjects. Please pray that this situation would be resolved and that everyone would recognize the efforts of the devil to create division. Adama is caught in the middle of this tension, but seems to be predisposed to resolve the misunderstanding. It looks like the group in Saaba is no longer meeting because of feelings that were hurt. I am keeping in touch with Adama and working through this situation with him and the leaders of the church. This is a difficulty which, with God's help, will be resolved and make the church stronger.



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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.” - 2 Samuel 22:47

Prayer Requests

- Additional paperwork to be sufficient for Julie's US citizenship
- Our transition back to Burkina as a family
- Training Serge for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Valentin, Michel, Adama, Salamata, Frederick, and Rodrigue
- Korben, Alina, and Julie's visa
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, David, and Adama
- The fight against terrorism
- Adama's mother's health
- The Bible study of Saaba
- Resolution for discord in the church

Praise Report

- Refreshing family reunion
- Faithfulness of the church's soul winning efforts
- God's grace as we patiently wait for Julie's paperwork
- Ministered at dad's church

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Birthdays

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