

The KNICKERBOCKER family

church planting in Burkina Faso

August 2022

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

12th anniversary

This August, we celebrated 12 years of marriage. We had the opportunity to get away for our anniversary while Julie's parents watched our children. Since Julie has remained with the children for 8 months this past year as I have made trips back and forth to Burkina, it was especially refreshing for her to take a short break and focus solely on our relationship. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness to sustain us every step of the way. We are especially grateful that God put us together to live this life for Him, and we are thankful for the blessing that Alina, Kezia, and Korben have been in our life.



their scripture memorization just from the Bible class lessons. We are thankful for a christian based curriculum to teach our children. We are also grateful for the flexibility that homeschooling will allow us to have on the mission field, and that we currently have while stateside.

By the end of September

"Expect to hear an answer by the end of September" is the reply we received from the USCIS office after our attorney asked about the progress of Julie's paperwork. This confirms my anticipation of having to make another trip to Burkina Faso by myself. Although this is not pleasant news to us, we know that the timing does not trouble the Lord. Hopefully, this will be the last time that we will be getting plane tickets just for myself. Because of the supplementary delay in the processing of Julie's paperwork, we expect to be back in Burkina by the end of January 2023. Please keep our family in your prayers as I make this trip back to Burkina, and Julie will once again stay stateside and take care of our children. Please pray that the trip will be productive as I seek to continue the pastoral training with Serge, establish some new converts in the faith, and that Julie will have the strength and patience to homeschool and take care of our children in my absence.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



Starting homeschooling

We started homeschooling Alina and Kezia and things are off to a good start. The girls seem to be enjoying this new chapter of our family's life. We are learning to navigate teaching with a 20 month old running about the house. Thankfully, Korben can be easily distracted and is learning to occupy himself during lesson times. It has been a joy to see the progress the girls are making in

Prayer Requests

- Additional paperwork to be sufficient for Julie's US citizenship
- Our transition back to Burkina as a family (**in January 2023**)
- 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

- Started homeschooling
- Celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary
- Julie's parents kept the kids while we got away for 6 days
- Alina is 6 years old

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Birthdays

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

"And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection." - Luke 8:14