

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

October 2022

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Discipleship with Adama

As I have been able to get back in the swing of the routine in Burkina Faso, it was exciting to spend time with Adama to see how his faith has stood firm amidst several difficulties that he has faced. We have resumed discipleship time together and I am pleasantly surprised by the way he interacts with the other men of the church. He feels like he belongs with the folks of the church and that was perhaps the most encouraging sight to witness considering that past schism that took place. Adama has almost completed the new members class and will soon be added to the active membership of the church. Continue praying for Adama as he continues to read the Bible with his neighbors and friends. There have been some new people attending his Bible study.



Omar sharing the Gospel with a muslim man

Pastoral training with Omar

When I returned to Burkina Faso, I found that although Serge was still faithful, his desire to be in the full-time ministry was not the same. As Bienvenu, he wants to be involved, but leading is something that he confessed was not for him. Thus, the prayer and search for a pastor continues. There was another faithful man in the church who had expressed interest in the ministry, his name is Omar, the first deacon of the church. Although his testimony is strong, he does have a low level of education that would handicap him in studying and teaching the Word of God. I asked Omar if he would be willing to further his education to which he responded very positively. On the last day of October Omar went back to school and he has David as teacher. David's health has been restored and after a few days of consideration of my offer to teach Omar, he accepted. Please pray for Omar as he is going back to a middle school level program of education to take up where he had left off when he was just a child.



Gospel after years of witnessing, and the other was a young man I shared to Gospel with on the side of the street. Please pray for Alain and Alassane to grow in their faith.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Prayer Requests

- Our transition back to Burkina as a family (**in February or March 2023 because of added delays**)
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training **Omar** for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of **Alain, Alassane, Michel, Adama, and Rodrigue**
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, and Adama
- Adama's mother's health
- The Bible study of Saaba

Praise Report

- Serge's employer granted his request to have Sundays off
- Adama is doing well
- Valentin is growing in his faith
- Bienvenu preached a wonderful message on a Sunday morning
- New people joining the Bible study of Saaba.

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