

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

November 2022

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Last trip away from Burkina

With mixed emotions, I returned to my family in the US after leaving instructions on certain initiatives to continue in Burkina. Alassane is continuing our 13 lesson discipleship series with Valentin, David is continuing to further Omar's education and Valentin is proofreading a number of documents before we can print additional resources. Bienvenu, Serge, and David will be continuing to preach and teach sermons and lessons for the services during my absence. Although we still do not have an official man identified to pastor the church, we are encouraged by the men that are involved and growing in their faith. As I was communicating final instructions before my departure, there was a feeling of excitement with the church folks about my long anticipated return accompanied by the rest of the family. There will be, without a doubt, a wonderful time of celebration when we resume our ministry in Burkina as a family.

Swearing in ceremony coming up

As we set our sights on our return to Burkina, we are thankful to have received the swearing in appointment notice in the mail from the USCIS office. Julie is scheduled to become a United States citizen on the 5th of December. It is hard to believe that the day has finally arrived and that all this waiting on paperwork will soon be part of history. How appropriate for this good news to be received right before this year's season of thanksgiving! Since I was absent from my family last year for thanksgiving, it was extra special to spend this special day with them this year.



Valentin going strong with the children's Sunday school

Prayer Requests

- Our transition back to Burkina as a family (**in March 2023**)
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training **Omar** for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of **Alain, Alassane, Michel, and Adama**
- Adama has volunteered for the military recruitment
- 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

- Had a wonderful Thanksgiving back in the US with family
- Julie got her swearing in appointment in the mail
- Alassane is continuing discipleship with Valentin
- We have two new supporting churches
- Two men have completed the new member's class

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Birthdays

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

Thankful for God's provision

We praise the Lord for the additional good news of two more churches taking us on for financial support. This puts us at 93% of our needed financial support. As I have been traveling back and forth from the US to Burkina during the past two years, we are grateful for the additional gifts that a good number of our supporting churches have given to cover the cost of several unusual additional expenses. Thank you also to many who have prayed for our family and ministry during these unusual times. It was not easy, especially in regards to our family having to spend so much time apart, but we have seen the Lord work both States-side and in Burkina: souls have been saved, believers are growing, members have been added to the church, and specific projects are moving forward.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



“...O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?” - Daniel 6:20