

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

January 2023

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Visas for all

Happy new year to everyone! We would like to begin with the exciting news that we have received our visas from the burkinabé Embassy and are now ready to return to Burkina Faso. We'll be doing a little traveling next month, saying goodbye to family and selling the last of our belongings before our departure in March. We've already begun selling some of the things that we've accumulated. Help us pray that the rest of our furniture, and especially our car, would sell quickly once we put it for sale. Please help us pray as well for a smooth transition back to Burkina Faso with the children.

New outreach initiative

Bienvenu, one of the faithful men in the church, took the initiative to purchase a speaker with two microphones to begin preaching in public places. He passes out tracts every Sunday afternoon and preaches the Gospel. He is targeting market places where a lot of people gather to get the best prices on produce. We were so excited to hear about this new initiative! We are eager get back to Burkina to see how Bienvenu goes about performing this outreach. Please pray for him as he does this new outreach ministry, accompanied by others, yet oftentimes by himself in the marketplace.

Our vision for 2023

For the year 2023, we would love to see a national pastor trained for the first church, and we would love to see the first steps toward a second church being planted. We desire to strengthen the believers when we return and train a national pastor to carry on with the work of the ministry. As we complete that task, we will be consolidating what is left of the Bible study in Saaba and will begin to train believers to be charter members of the second church. Help us pray as we will seek the Lord's direction in finding a permanent meeting location for this second church in Saaba and as we will disciple and plan to do more outreach in this specific area.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



Bienvenu and his family

Prayer Requests

- Our transition back to Burkina as a family (in March 2023)
- Selling our belongings before returning to Burkina
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training Omar for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Alain, Alassane, Michel, and Adama
- Adama has been sent to the frontlines
- 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

- We got the visas and plane tickets to return to Burkina Faso
- Bienvenu started a new evangelistic initiative in the market place on Sundays
- Extra gifts have been sent from supporting churches to help us transition back to Burkina Faso.

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Birthdays

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

“Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.” - 1 Cor. 9:12