

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Easter Sunday

Since we've been back, one of the first special church meetings we were able to organize was Easter Sunday. What a thrill it was to see the auditorium full with first time visitors and with almost all our church members. What an encouraging time we had as we celebrated the resurrection of Christ through fellowship, preaching, special music and a meal.



Soul winning tent

It is exciting to get back on the streets of Ouagadougou and see people stopping to talk to us and wanting to learn about salvation from hell through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As we're getting back into the routine of ministry, we were blessed by a handful of people who stopped just to encourage us, some even giving us monetary gifts, in our outreach efforts under the blistering burkinabé sun. It never gets old to introduce a lost soul to the grace of God manifested through Christ. Our vision is to have every member of the church involved in a soul winning effort in some way. Please help us pray for that goal to be reached so that we can reach more souls with the glorious Gospel of Christ.



Prayer Requests

- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Alain, Alassane, Michel, and Adama
- Adama and Blaise are serving in the military volunteers
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent
- Adama's mother's health
- The Bible study of Saaba
- More members involved in outreach**

Praise Report

- We are settling well into our new home
- Alina learned to ride her bike
- A wonderful Easter Sunday
- Visitors at church from soul winning efforts
- A new deacon for the church
- An encouraging men's meeting
- Our house worker is doing a great job

Second deacon election

A little over a year ago our church held its first deacon election. This month, we were able to hold the second election of a new deacon and the church voted unanimously to have Bienvenu be the next deacon. The picture to the left shows Bienvenu and his wife in the center with Omar and his family to the left (our former deacon.)



Men's meeting

We also resumed our monthly men's meeting where we fellowship around the Bible, tea, and some form of snack. This was a best attended men's meeting since we've had them. We had 4 first time visitors and almost all the regular men who attend the church were present.

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

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Birthdays

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

"And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." - Acts 24:15

