

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

July 2023

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,



Korben's surgery

A few months ago, we had noticed a lump near Korben's lower abdomen which would come and go. After a little bit of research, we suspected that he had an inguinal hernia. This suspicion was confirmed when we brought Korben to a clinic to see what a generalist would say. Because of the potential complication of strangulation, we decided to proceed with a surgery that would correct this anomaly. After meeting with the pediatric surgeon and an anesthesiologist at the clinic in Burkina, we were pleased with their level of experience and decided to proceed with doing the surgery here. We praise the Lord for a successful surgery and the good recovery that Korben is having. He has been acting normal and playing as if nothing has happened. Praise the Lord!

A greater door of opportunity

During the month of May, we were told to secure a government authorization in order to put up a tent to share the Gospel on the side of the street. It took us about two months to apply and get all the paperwork needed to get the authorization. We are finally back at it and we were given a better spot to set up our tent than the one we previously had. This new location is more visible, busier, and next to a gas station. We are now able to share the Gospel with hundreds of people! We are seeing a lot of professions of faith and new visitors at church. We are eager to see God continue to use this ministry and to report on fruit that remains.



New member's class

The church is moving forward and we currently have eight in regular attendance for the new member's class. We are encouraged to see new members added to the church and others who will be added in the upcoming months. This class allows us to make sure that those who want to join the church have the right foundation and doctrinal understanding, which will enable the church to maintain its unity and continue to move forward together for the cause of Christ. The new members class last for up to 18 weeks which allows us to filter out many who do not show longterm interest. The picture on the left shows some of the latest members that have been added to the church. We took a Sunday to recognize the newest members as

a whole and to finally hand them their baptismal certificate. Since I had been making trips back and forth to Burkina for a while, we had stopped printing certificates, but we are now printing them again and the new members were excited about that.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions." - Psalm 20:5

Property of 2nd church

- Need
- Received

\$30,000

\$500 →

April 2023

Prayer Requests

- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training Omar, Adama, David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Michel Balima and Michel Ouedraogo
- Blaise is 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

- For Korben's successful surgery and his good recovery
- For the first donation of \$500 for the property of the 2nd church in Saaba
- For a better location to share the Gospel
- For the new member's class that is doing well.
- For the health of the family

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Birthdays

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