

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

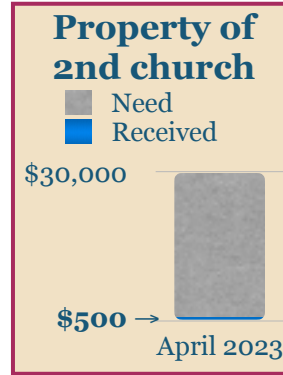
church planting in Burkina Faso

**August 2023**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## Fruit from the camps

We are thankful for the camp season which was organized by a veteran missionary. It was encouraging to participate in preaching, counseling campers, and help out in any way possible. Some of our young people had never attended camp before and they enjoyed it thoroughly. We had 6 campers participate in the young adult camp and 6 others participate in the teen camp two weeks later. We are thankful for the decisions that were made and the positive change that we've seen in the young people. The most encouraging change I've seen is in a shy young man named Michel Balima. Since the camp, he has been much more open and involved, which is exciting to see. Please pray that the decisions that have been made during camp would be maintained continually.



## Prayer Requests

- **Funds for 2nd church plant**
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training Omar, Adama, David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of **Ali Ouedraogo**, 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
- Adama's mother's health
- The Bible study of Saaba
- More members involved in outreach
- The start of a Bible study by David
- The relaunching of the kids club

## Praise Report

- Profitable camp season
- Our family has recovered from sickness with Typhoid Fever
- Prospects of a new bible study with David
- Reboot of the weekly kids club

## Soul-winning invitation

David Nassa is feeling much better and is regularly and joyfully sharing the Gospel with people he meets. A few weeks ago, he told me that his village, located on the outskirts of the capital, had invited us to come and share the Gospel with a group of young men who gather regularly to play soccer. What an exciting opportunity! Those in attendance listened intently and had several questions to ask. The conseiller (counselor) of the village was present and wanted to say something in response to what I had said. He first told me that he was upset, which was perplexing, but then proceeded to say that he was upset that there were not more people present to hear what I had said. What a relief and encouragement. Since one of our members lives in this village, I asked how many were interested in starting a Bible study in the neighborhood. A handful responded positively. Praise the Lord for David's testimony in the community and this amazing opportunity to minister to the youth and young adults that were present. Please pray for David as he is following up with those who showed interest and seeks to organize a Bible study in his village.

## Kids club reboot

During our transition time the last couple of years, our kids club has suffered and was suspended because of a lack of regular workers. Now that we are back in Burkina Faso, we wanted to get that ministry going again with a good amount of church members involved to help lead and work with the kids. We were able to go in the community and get over 40 kids to come to the Bible club. We had a good time and announced that we'll be having a similar program each week on Wednesday afternoons. Please help us pray that this ministry would continue and thrive with the involvement of church members.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." - 2 Corinthians 4:7*

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Julie 9/26  
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Kezia 5/26  
Korben 12/7  
Anniversary 8/7