

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

October 2023

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Fellowship of churches

The first Sunday of this month, our church had the privilege of hosting the evening meeting for the fellowship of Fundamental Baptist Churches in Ouagadougou. The auditorium was packed and we were greatly encouraged by the congregational and special singing, the preaching and fellowship. We are currently going through a series on finances every Sunday evenings in our church. I was able to summarize some of those teachings into a concise message for this special meeting. We are praying these teachings will have a great impact on individuals as they learn to use their time and money for the Lord.

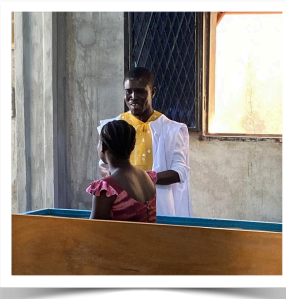


Couples evening

What a thrill it was to host in our home an evening of food, fellowship and exhortation for the couples of the church. Although not every couple was able to attend, this was the best attendance we've had for a couple's meeting since we've planted the church. There was a lot of joy and laughter during the evening, yet we know that each individual family is dealing with a variety of challenges, which is precisely why these meetings are so important. Please pray for the couples and families of the church to be untied and to stand strong in the faith.

Olivia Nikiema

The baptism of a young lady by the name of Olivia took place this month. She was reached by one of the leaders of our church while he was out soul-winning. After meeting several families from church, she was then taken into the home of one of our church's families to live, at which point she was nurtured in the faith and began to show signs of spiritual growth. That family also helped her develop a trade that she could use for income. Olivia was from a protestant background and was searching for someone to help her walk with God. Praise the Lord, she found that in our church! She recently completed the new member's class, shared her salvation testimony before the church, was baptized, and added to the active church membership.



Youth conference

I was given the opportunity to speak for a youth conference in a sister church this month. After the meeting, we organized an evangelistic outreach with the youth group of the host church. Although many people expressed appreciation for the messages that were preached that day, the real excitement was with the evangelistic outreach that was held on a nearby, busy road. There was an enlivened spirit in having young people from different churches share the Gospel together! We're thankful for the encouragement that it produced and for the fire that it kindled in these

young people's lives to share the gospel with boldness in their community.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." - Matthew 5:8



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
- Strong couples in the church

Praise Report

- Another \$10,000 came in for the property of the new church
- A wonderful evening with the couples of the church
- Olivia's baptism and addition to the active church membership
- An opportunity to preach at a youth conference

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Birthdays

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