

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

“I want to repent”

God allowed Adama who leads the bible study in Saaba to get in touch with Arsène, his cousin, through an injury that he sustained while he was helping to resolve a violent conflict between two people. Since Adama has worked for security companies for over a decade, Arsène asked him to intervene for him. After the incident, I came to visit Adama to see how his health was and Arsène came at the same time. Arsène had been dealing with profound regret from his past associated with his work in the military. For years, he could not find peace. When we began conversing, he asked me to talk in private and went on to explain his desperation. He said that he had talked with a protestant pastor, seeking help, but instead of having relief, he ended up with an even greater burden to bear than the one he had before. Finally, he lamented: “I want to repent, but I don’t know what to do.” It was my privilege to introduce him to a man who could help, the Lord Jesus Christ. At the end of the Gospel presentation, we both got on our knees and in prayer he stated his full name before God



and said that today he receives Jesus as his Savior to wash his sins away. Since that encounter, he has expressed that he knows that the burden that he had carried was lifted. Please pray for Arsène’s new faith in Christ to be strengthened.

4 baptisms

We celebrated the 7th anniversary of the church with the baptisms of four men. The two to the right are former muslims who were invited by one of our church members and the two to the left are a father and son from a protestant background. Praise the Lord for 7 years of ministry at Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou!



name of the church will be Bible Baptist Church of Tabetenga. We are taking the opportunity of meeting on Sundays to teach doctrine to those present. Once we’ve covered the basics, which will take 3 to 4 months, we’ll inaugurate the church with a core group of believers. These believers will be equipped to answer basic questions about the Bible and share the Gospel with others in an effective way. It was thrilling to see 6 men, 1 woman and a handful of children present for this first Sunday meeting. We also had 6 volunteers from Bible Baptist Church of Boulmiougou in attendance to show their support for the planting of this new church.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.” - 1 Corinthians 4:1



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 **Arsène Kaboré, Arouna Nabie, 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 beginning of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga**
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

Praise Report

- The salvation of Arsène and Arouna
- 4 baptisms for the church anniversary
- The beginning of the Bible Baptist church of Tabtenga

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Birthdays

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