

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

January 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Continuing with Bienvenu

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for your faithful prayers for us during the year 2023. We are excited to see what the Lord will do as we begin this new year. One of the most encouraging news that we have to share is Bienvenu's decision to resume his pastoral training. We had begun pastoral training with him years ago, but due to several circumstances, we were unable to finish. He is zealous and eager to finish what he started. He has initiative and has already helped with the advancement of certain projects that needed an extra pair of hands. Several new project have been set in motion and we look forward to reporting on those in the months to come. Please keep praying for Bienvenu who joins David for pastoral training. Please pray for more laborers.



Arouna's faith

In September of last year, a muslim man showed up at our Gospel tent wanting to have more information on what we were all about. He said that although he grew up in a muslim home, his father had told him that he was free to pick the religion he wanted to follow. Thus, he told me that he would like to learn more about christianity to help him see if he would be interested in adhering to a different faith. He was very receptive to the Gospel and started coming to church out of curiosity. On one of those Sunday mornings, he trusted Christ as his Savior. He is entirely new to the christian faith and it is thrilling to see him discover the Bible. At the end of last year, I asked him if he would be interested in one-on-one bible studies and he said yes. We began in January and our meetings are going very well. He was discouraged because he finally had the courage to inform his father that he had become a christian, and although his father had given him the liberty to pick the religion of his choosing, he did not respond well to that information. Please pray for Arouna's faith as he begins to experience opposition.

Challenges with Tabtenga

We are continuing to meet at Tabtenga every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening and we are seeing a lot of visitors come and go. Unfortunately, a large number of visitor have ulterior motives for coming and that has been a challenge for this new church plant. There are about 5 men who are faithful and excited about the beginning of the church. Please pray that these men would not get discouraged as they are faced with the reality that not everybody shares their same desire to walk with God.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Turn again, and tell Hezekiah... Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD." - 2 Kings 20:5

Property of 2nd church

■ Need
■ Received

\$30,000

\$17,210 →



Prayer Requests

- Funds for 2nd church plant
- The beginning of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arsène Kaboré, Arouna Nabie 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
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

Praise Report

- Bienvenu resuming his pastoral training.
- Started Bible studies with Arouna
- Olivia taught her first Sunday school lesson for the kids
- Enjoying the cooler weather

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Birthdays

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