

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

**April 2024**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

## It's been a year...

...since we've returned to Burkina Faso as a family and we are thrilled about the advancements of the ministry.

During the month of April, we spent 2 weeks in France to visit my family and Julie's parents. Although it was busy with quite a bit of riding in the car, we are thankful for the special memories we were able to have. Julie and the kids were also able to finally meet and spend time with Elisama, our newest sister-in-law. What a wonderful reunion it was! It was also a blessing to get a break from the blistering heat of West Africa, the many challenges this season brings, and to enjoy cooler temperatures. We're thankful for the opportunity I had to preach and present our ministry in the church plant where our cousins are currently ministering.



## 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
- Training Adama and Jean to be faithful men at Tabtenga
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Blaise is serving in the military volunteers
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

## Praise Report

- A good visit with family
- An opportunity to preach in France
- Bienvenu and David carrying on with the ministry and the training of faithful men at Tabtenga

## Teach others also

As we were away for 2 weeks, Bienvenu and David stayed busy with the work of the ministry. They faithfully continued every ministry of the church, with the exception of the church choir. One of the recent opportunities we've had was to start training faithful men at Tabtenga. Bienvenu and David were able to continue that ministry during our absence. Adama is staying at it and doing a great job sharing the Gospel and inviting people to the church gatherings. He is accompanied by another man who has shown unusual interest in the Gospel and in being in full-time ministry. Praise the Lord for faithful men who are able to teach others also. Please pray for Adama and Jean, who are also being trained for the ministry.



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

Looking unto Jesus,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

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## Birthdays

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

*"Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,  
and look well to thy herds. - Proverbs 27:23*