

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

October 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,



Pastor Morlan

Our home church has been without a pastor since the passing of pastor Sexton last year. After much prayer, we are thrilled to report that Temple Baptist Church has voted for Derrick Morlan to be the next pastor. The Morlan family has served in England and pastored the Oxford Baptist Chapel since 2009. We are thankful for the staff of Temple Baptist Church and the way that they have continued to serve to carry on with the cause of Christ as the Church prayed and sought for a new pastor. Please join us in praying for the Morlan family as they adjust to this new chapter of their life.

We purchased land for Tabtenga!

Praise the Lord, on the very last day of October, we were able to purchase a property for the church in Tabtenga. This has been a threefold blessing: 1. The property is located less than 200 yards away from our current location. 2. It is less than 100 yards from one of the main paved roads in Tabtenga. 3. We were able to purchase it at a fraction of the price of the funds that were raised for the purchase of a property (\$8,000), leaving funds for construction. We are thrilled about this property becoming available because we were ready to settle for a property in a neighboring community, since none were available in our budget for months in Tabtenga. We were making steps to purchase another property when this one, all of a sudden, was put for sale. We are thankful for the real-estate agent who worked hard to find the church what it needed and we are thankful for the patience to wait on the Lord for the right timing. Thank you to all who have prayed for this need.

The temporary land situation

Although we now have land for the church, this is not final. The area of Tabtenga has not been divided and attributed to any owners yet. This means that while there are people who live in this area, the government plans to outline all the properties in a new map where the people who live in the area will either be attributed a property where they have already built something, or they will be given another property where they will have to relocate. The government has issued papers to recognize those who live in this area needing to be remapped, and with these documents, people are assured a property. Owners may wait for the government to attribute them their property, or sell/give their property right to another. We have purchased one such property and will have to wait to build any permanent facilities. The government doesn't seem to plan on relocating anyone anytime soon, therefore, we will use the property we purchased to build a dismountable facility, which will be able to be relocated with time. With the legalized and notarized proof of purchase and the document of the previous owner issued by the government, we are all set to be given another property in the area, or to be given the exact property that we bought. Either way, we're excited to have a property on which to hold the meetings of the new church and we are eager to use this strategic location to get the Gospel to as many burkinabé as possible. We'll give additional information on the transition to the new property and what we would like to build to carry on with the ministry. Thank you for your prayers for this particular need.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak." - 2 Kings 22:14

Building project for 2nd church

■ Received

\$20,000

\$11,995 →

Prayer Requests

- Transition of Tabtenga to a new property
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David, Bienvenu, and Jean for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church
- Kids' club ministry

Praise Report

- A new pastor for our home church
- Purchase of a property for Tabtenga
- Julie was able to spend time with family in the US and Canada. She had not seen her mom in 7 years.
- I was invited to preach at a sister church's Gospel outreach
- \$10,000 was donated for the building project at Tabtenga
- Painting project completed for the first church

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Birthdays

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