

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

March 2025

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Children's Ministry Training

The Lord has increased the number of participants for the children's ministries and with this encouraging development, the need to give more training for these volunteers had arrived. We organized two days of pedagogy to equip the workers to better help children come to the Lord and walk with their Creator. They were also given many tips on how to teach a bible story while keeping children's attention using visuals and props. This was an encouraging time of teaching, Q&A, work shop, and fellowship. We are thankful for the nine church members who desire to help in the children's ministries and with whom we were able to spend time during this training. Our children's ministries so far involve Sunday morning Sunday School, Sunday afternoon Sunday school at Tabtenga, and Wednesday afternoon kids club at Boulmiougou. We are looking to begin a kids club at Tabtenga in the upcoming months as we move forward with the Tabtenga church plant and recruit more volunteers to work with the children of that neighborhood.



Women's Day Festivities

Every year on International Women's Day (March 8th), churches and associations in Burkina Faso organize special events for women. We use this time to encourage ladies in our churches and neighborhood to be women who love the Lord and who develop a desire to live for Him. This year, The church in Boulmiougou and the church in Tabtenga joined other churches of like faith to celebrate by attending a one day women's conference, which was organized by another church in town. It was such a joy to see our ladies participate, take notes, and comment on how much they enjoyed the entire day. They were especially touched by the teaching sessions and special songs given by different church

choirs. Julie was given the opportunity to teach a session on serving the Lord in the home. We praise the Lord for precious ladies who are eager to learn and grow in their faith.



Outreach in a private university

As we work to get the Gospel out in as many places as possible, we have found an open door in nearby educational establishments. We made a written request to pitch a tent on the campus of a particular private University in January, but it was not processed until February. However, the Lord has given us favor with the university administration and they have approved our request to share the Gospel with the students on campus during the month of March. We are thankful for several who made professions of faith in Christ and for the privilege to introduce the Gospel to others for the first time in their lives. As a result of this outreach effort, we had the opportunity to meet a student named Abdias (Obadiah) who happened to be the leader of a Bible group on campus that meets every Friday. This young man appreciated our presence on campus to share the Gospel with his classmates and invited me to share a devotional thought with the Bible group for one of their meetings. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to not only preach the Gospel, but also to teach and encourage believers, enabling them to be more effective in their witness for Christ.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him." -

Deuteronomy 13:4

Prayer Requests

- The completion of the church building of Tabtenga
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David, Jean, **Germain Souleymane** for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of **Dominique**, Paterne, and Anassa
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church
- Kids' club ministry
- Ordination of David
- Ouagadougou School of the Bible

Praise Report

- Opportunity to teach the Bible to a University Bible study group
- An encouraging training time with volunteers for the children's ministries
- Julie had the opportunity to teach at a lady's conference organized by multiple churches
- Completed a Bible study with Paterne
- Everyone is healthy

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