

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

## church planting in Burkina Faso

**April 2025**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### Mother & Daughter Tea

This month, Julie planned a special combined ladies meeting for the ladies and young girls of the churches in Boulmiougou and Tabtenga. We set up and decorated tables for a « traditional » English tea, complete with different types of local fruits, cookies, cakes and flavored teas. Each person present received a fascinator to take home, and that was a big hit. Many ladies have been wearing them to the Sunday services since the meeting! The ladies were encouraged to bring their daughters and spend time with them for this special meeting. Pengdewende, David's wife, lead the ladies in a few songs. They played several games to get to know each other and were taught about the importance of being faithful in their home and going out of their comfort zone to reach others for the Lord.



### First Semester Complete

Praise the Lord for the completion of the first semester of the Ouagadougou School of the Bible. It was a special treat to fellowship with a few of the students at the end of the semester and to hear what the classes meant to them. One student expressed how he thought that a believer could lose his salvation, but with the first semester over, he now has the conviction, based on the clear and exegetical teachings of Scripture, that everlasting life in Christ is never ending. Praise the Lord! Just hearing that testimony made the whole semester of classes worth it! Others expressed how they appreciated the evening schedule, which allowed them to work and make the effort to further their knowledge of the Bible. There is already excitement about the second

semester, which will begin in September, and we've already heard about new students joining the School of the Bible because of the testimony of the current student body.

### Resurrection Sunday

Easter Sunday for the year 2025 was especially memorable. Julie organized a shadow play on the death and resurrection of Christ. This was a success because of the excitement it created around Easter time and the involvement of several church members to bring the play to life. The presentation went smoothly, and immediately after the play, the choir sang about the second coming of Christ. We are grateful for first time visitors and returning visitors on this Special Sunday. We were also able to hear Anassa's salvation testimony, after which he was baptized. The folks from Tabtenga joined us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the ladies prepared a meal for all those present.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak:  
for your work shall be rewarded." - 2 Chronicles 15:7*

### 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, Paterné, 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

- A good first semester of the School of the Bible with encouraging testimonies for the student body
- A great Easter Sunday with a play about the resurrection
- The baptism of SEYNOU Anassa on Easter Sunday
- The opportunity to take a family vacation to visit family in France and missionary friends in England

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### Birthdays

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