

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

## church planting in Burkina Faso

### August 2025

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### Summer camps

It was thrilling to witness the work that the Word of God did in the lives of the young people. Over 20 teens made salvation decisions during this year's teen camp, 4 of which were teens from our church plant in Tabtenga. Praise the Lord! One of the mothers testified to me personally that she is encouraged by the change she has seen in her daughter since she has returned home from camp. This year's theme for both camps was « Loving Jesus. » Pastors from several churches developed sermons and teachings that exhorted the teenagers and young adults to love Jesus more through Bible reading, praying, being separated from the world, sharing the Gospel, being faithful, etc. What a privilege it is to work with other missionaries and pastors to advance the cause of Christ in Burkina Faso through these camps. We praise the Lord for the influence of Bible Camps in the lives of many young people!



### 15th anniversary

Can you believe that it has already been 15 years? Julie and I were married on August 7th, 2010, and it seems like time is just flying by. We praise the Lord that we are still doing what God has called us to do. It is not always easy, but it is a worthwhile adventure! We are thankful that God has seen fit to entrust us with 3 blessings to rear for His glory. This year, we've started to see gray hairs, reminding us that before we know it, the night will come when men will work no more. I praise the Lord for Julie and the wonderful help meet she is to me and to the work of the Lord in Burkina Faso. Our prayer is that we would be found faithful to our Lord and to each other until the end.



### Tabtenga kids' club

August was our first complete month of Fridays kids' club at Tabtenga. We took the opportunity to give a little reward to each of the 32 kids that didn't miss any of this month's club days. We purchased a treasure chest and placed different treats in it to make it special. You should have seen the faces of the kids as they were each given the privilege to pick an item from the box of surprises! We are thrilled about the excitement that keeps increasing with this ministry. In fact, for the first time, we ran out of the head bands that we use to make teams for each club day. We could not keep count, but we know we have around 200 headbands available to be distributed each club day. We are grateful for the participation of several mothers who continually volunteer to help us keep order during the kids' club. We are also thankful for Alina and her desire to serve in ministry. Although she is young, she has an ardent desire to see others trust Christ as their Savior and loves to help with the children's ministries and with making visits.



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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God." - Deuteronomy 28:2*

### Prayer Requests

- The completion of the building project at Tabtenga (last phase: solar installation)
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David, Jean, Germain Souleymane for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Paterne, and Anassa
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church
- Kids' club ministries & volunteers
- Special summer classes for the pastors in training on Tuesdays.
- School of the Bible is beginning soon**

### Praise Report

- The two camps went very well
- 4 professions of faith in Christ from the teens of Tabtenga
- Celebration of our 15th anniversary
- 32 kids came every kids' club of August @ Tabtenga and 17 @ Boulmiougou

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### Birthdays

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