

The KNICKERBOCKER family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Mission Conference in England

On the 5th of September, I received an invitation to preach a mission conference for Pastor Jared Kleman at Breck Road Baptist Church in Liverpool, England. We had visited the Kleman family and the work in Liverpool in May during our family vacation. The Lord led brother Jared to invite me to return for their Mission's conference on the theme of Luke 10:2. What a joy and privilege it was to renew fellowship the missionaries currently working in Liverpool, and with many of the believers we had just met earlier this year. We had a great time working together to prepare the « Mission's Village », going door to door with the Gospel, and eating and drinking plenty of tea. I was given the opportunity to preach on four different occasions during the three day conference. What an encouragement it was to see a church with a vision for the world and volunteers to move forward for the cause of Christ!



Funeral in France

In early September, we received the news that my last living grandparent, my mother's mother, was in critical condition. The doctors in France had invited the family members to come quickly to say their goodbyes. Miraculously, Mémé, as we liked to call her, lived for several more weeks. The doctors were baffled. Through the years, my parents had many opportunities to share the Gospel with Mémé, and she eventually made a profession of faith in Christ and manifested evidence of conversion. The majority of my Mémé's family is Catholic, although non-practicing. In France, believing in the existence of God is considered an oddity. A day after landing in England for the missions conference, the Lord saw fit to take Mémé on to glory. Due to a strike in Belgium on the day planned for my return to Burkina, my return flight was automatically cancelled. Because of this strike, Julie was able to rebook and extend my stay in France for free, allowing me to attend Mémé's funeral and spend time with family. The funeral took place in a Catholic Cathedral in my grandmother's hometown. To our surprise, the grandchildren were given the opportunity to read a text of Scripture and give a short commentary. As soon as I heard of this opportunity, the Holy Spirit drew my mind to John 11:25-26, concerning the resurrection assurance for those who have believed in Christ while living. Praise the Lord for the precious opportunity we had to share the Gospel with all those who were present at Mémé's funeral inside the Catholic cathedral. Please pray for the salvation of the lost family members on my mother's side of the family.



games. Please pray for the couples of Boulmiougou and Tabtenga to be exemplary in their Christian testimony, that they may be used as tools for the furtherance of the work of the Lord.

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

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's." - 2 Chronicles 20:15

Prayer Requests

- President Traoré and the fight against terrorism
- Pastoral training of David, Jean, Germain, William & Souleymane
- Spiritual growth of Paterné, Anassa and **Amed**
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Kids' club ministries & volunteers
- School of the Bible
- Health for the family**
- 2 couples who are struggling**

Praise Report

- Had an encouraging mission conference in England
- The opportunity to share the Gospel at my Grandma's funeral in France
- Although Julie became severely ill while I was away, she has now recovered. We went through 2 weeks of health struggles, but everyone at home is healthy again.
- A young man named Amed made a profession of faith and started attending church services

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Korben 12/7
Anniversary 8/7