

The KNICKERBOCKER family

church planting in Burkina Faso

June 2026

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

A new member

We are thankful for Jonas Rouamba who was added to the active church membership this month. In addition, we are thankful for the home Bible studies we were able to complete with him and his family over the last several months. Jonas has been a great addition to the church. He loves to help in any way he can, especially with the soul winning efforts and with the children's Bible club. Please keep his wife and children in your prayers as they currently worship in another church. Sadly, it is common in Burkina Faso for members of the same immediate family to go to different churches. Pray that his family members would not be distracted by emotions, but that they would recognize the value of Biblical preaching.



Bible studies with the Zagre family

We are grateful to report that a new man has been coming to church from the School of the Bible ministry. Anatole Zagre is a medical doctor who used to be catholic. He began to study the Bible and came to the conviction that he should leave the Catholic Church. As he continued to study the Bible and different Christian denominations, he was unsatisfied with the way many would do the ministry. When Anatole saw an online advertisement for the Evening School of the Bible, he immediately took interest and contacted me. He then enrolled for the spring semester! His careful attention to the word of God and his thirst to learn has been a delight. He began attending our church last month. When I returned from time with our family, he expressed his gratefulness for the church and was eager to join this group of believers. Since then, we began doing Bible studies with his family. He attends church with two of his children and they have all been a blessing to have with us. He also attends the new member's class and is

eager to join the active membership of the church. Please pray for his wife and other daughter to one day join him in faithfully coming to church.

Update on the visa situation

Many laws in Burkina Faso are changing very quickly with the new government, and new regulations are being added frequently. A new law was just implemented outlining several new restrictions on religious liberty. The objective of the law is to combat religious fanaticism or extremism. We are in the process of renewing our church statutes to be conformed to the new laws and will have to join an association of churches to have legal rights to preach and do the work of the ministry. Because of these new and very precise requirements, I've been buried in paperwork for a while now. We are working hard to change all that needs to be changed to conform to the new regulations and we are fervently praying that all the new church paperwork to be submitted to the government will be in order so that the churches that have been planted can legally continue to exist. As far as visas are concerned, a few options have been made known to us. One of these could allow us a 1 year visa, and we are pursuing the necessary steps to follow this potential path. We would appreciate your prayers intently during this particularly challenging time of ministry. Please pray in particular for Julie and the children at it is not easy to be away from me and the ministry in Burkina. We are seeing the Lord at work and we are still confident that He has a wonderful plan ahead in Burkina Faso.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

- 2 Corinthians 13:8

Prayer Requests

- Pastoral training of David, Jean, Germain & William
- Spiritual growth of Paterne, Anassa and Amed
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Kids' club ministries
- Visas for US citizens
- Wisdom in making a decision about the ministry
- Bible study @ Pitmoaga
- Junior Camp coming up**
- Scheduling meetings for our 2027 furlough**
- Renewing paperwork for the church**

Praise Report

- Jonas was added to the church membership
- Started and new Bible study with the Zagre family
- We had a wonderful father's Day celebration with 8 fathers who were present with their children
- We printed a new tract to help share the Gospel
- Perseverance of the folks in Burkina

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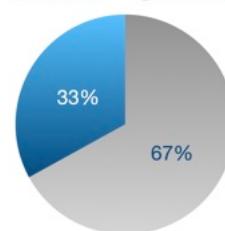
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Birthdays

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

2027 Furlough

● Available ● Scheduled



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