

# the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partners,

Proverbs 25:25 says "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.» As we continue our work here in the States, we rejoice that we are able to stay in communication with the pastors and churches in Burkina. As the pastors send weekly reports and pictures, it is refreshing and encouraging to see that the churches are not only continuing strong, but are thriving and growing. This month, Victory Baptist Church (the second church) had a special time focusing on the family and had several special evangelistic events planned. They had over two dozen new visitors this month, including several new couples. Even more exciting are that some of these visitors have put their faith in Christ and have been coming back faithfully to church. We thank God for the pastors that are continuing the good work at these churches and ask that you continue to pray for them.



The second church this past Sunday

The radio broadcasts have been continuing every week and calls continue to come in for followup visits from those that wish to learn more about Jesus Christ. So far, we have had over twenty people call after listening to our radio broadcast. I ask that you pray specifically for an old muslim man named Ilboudo. The pastors visited him and spoke a long time about the Gospel and Christ. Ilboudo listened with great interest; but at the end, was too afraid of what his family would do if he believed on Christ. He asked for a Bible so that he could continue to learn more about Christ. Please pray for God to work in Ilboudo's heart and bring him to faith in Christ.



One of the village chiefs

We are planning to start a new cycle of the circuit riding preaching ministry in the villages in November, after the rain stops. During the first cycle, God allowed us to see many people saved and churches established in two of the villages the men preached in. We're praying again for God to use this new cycle to see the Gospel advance. A team has started to go out into new villages, so they can find villages that will be open to the Gospel to send the preachers to. They meet with the chief, present him gifts, and do a survey of the village to see how open it seems to the Gospel. We are excited to see the Gospel continue to go out into the villages.

By God's grace, we have been having a great time traveling to churches and giving reports on the work that God is doing. We have been able to visit several supporting churches in Pennsylvania this month and have been encouraged to see the work that God is doing through them. We are excited to have three new churches partner with us since coming back on furlough and thank the Lord for their hearts to join together with us to reach Burkina Faso with the Gospel! We are also enjoying being able to continue Bible Institute classes with the pastors in Burkina thanks to the marvels of technology. It is encouraging to see them continue to grow in their faith and desire to learn more.



Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support for God's work in Burkina Faso this month!



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