

# The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

## August 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### Teen camp

The second camp for teenagers took place during the 2nd week of August. Although we did not have many who were able to participate this year, we are thankful that two teen boys who came from Tabtenga made a profession of faith in Christ! This particular camp did not have a keynote speaker, but rather, the pastors from the Independent Baptist Churches in Burkina Faso preached messages that centered on the theme of the camp: « who will go? ».

We are thankful for these camps, not only because of the spiritual decisions that the young adults and teenagers have made during the camps, but also because of the lasting effects a week of « fraternity » and teachings has had on our teenagers and young adults. One of our young ladies, Rosine, has opened up a lot since attending the first camp and has been asking question. She came from a Catholic family, and one day told us she understood that baptism was not enough to save her from her sins. She told us that she had placed her faith in Christ alone for salvation. Praise the Lord!



### Children's Conference

The week after teen camp, we organized a children's conference. This would be the equivalent to Vacation Bible school. One of the greatest blessings, in addition to a good attendance from the kids of the community, was the great participation of the church volunteers. They worked together well and helped keep order during the conference. The theme was: « The first three kings of Israel. » We were blessed to have 90+ kids on the first day, 60+ on the second day, and 80+ on the third day. Some of the muslim parents forbade their children to come back for the second day, but we are thankful for those who came and learned biblical truths from the Bible and heard a clear presentation of the

Gospel. We re-launched a reward programme for the kids club to motivate longterm faithfulness of the attendees. In past years, many parents have forbidden their children from coming to the kid's club, but with an incentive program, we believe that the parents will be more willing to allow their children to come. Please pray for the weekly kid's club and for the children and families in the community to be positively impacted through this ministry.

### The inauguration of the 2nd church

We are thankful to have started to receive funds to begin the construction for a church building on the property that we plan to buy for the church in Tabtenga. As of now, we are raising \$20,000 for the building project. This total may be adjusted if the property we purchase is below what we budgeted. Please keep this pressing prayer request in mind. We are planning on inaugurating the church on the property that we've been allowed to use for free. If we are unable to find property soon after the inauguration, we may have to purchase property in a neighboring community.

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

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

*“But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.” - Mark 11:26*

### Building project for 2nd church

■ Received

\$20,000

\$1,195 →

### Prayer Requests

- Purchase process of a property for the 2nd church plant
- Inauguration of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga on the 28th of September
- Training Adama and Jean to be faithful men at Tabtenga
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

### Praise Report

- We celebrated our 14th wedding anniversary
- We celebrated Alina's 8th BD
- A total of 3 of our young people made a profession of faith in Christ during the 2 camps
- A good participation of volunteers for the conference

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### Birthdays

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