

# The KNICKERBOCKER family

church planting in Burkina Faso

## December 2025

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### Family Dedication

Brother Germain Yameogo is one of the pastors in training at the second church, and he expressed the desire to dedicate his whole family to the Lord. After being invited to our Bible study a while ago, he was trilled about an opportunity to revive his walk with the Lord and has since joined the church in Tabtenga, along with his family. He has been receiving pastoral training since then and we're grateful for this family's decision to dedicate themselves to God's work.



### Christmas Celebrations

This Christmas season was busy and the Lord blessed in so many wonderful ways. Julie had a great time planning and teaching at our annual ladies Christmas meeting on the 17th. I was given the privilege to preach a 3 day revival meeting for a sister church in town. We had a special Christmas service at each church on Sunday the 21st. We also celebrated the birth of Jesus with the kids club of Boulmiougou on the 24th, and then with the kids Club of Tabtenga on the 27th. For the first time, we held an outreach for the displaced Fulani families in our community on the 30th. We invited them for a meal at church, where, with the help of a Fulani brother in Christ, they were given a clear Gospel message in their language. To top it all off, on the 31st, each church got together for an evening of singing, food, games, testimonies and prayer.

### Travel ban instituted

On December 16th, President Trump declared a travel ban on Burkinabé citizens seeking visas to enter the USA. On December 30th, Burkina Faso's government decided to retaliate to this decision with an equivalent ban on US nationals seeking visas to travel to Burkina Faso. Unfortunately, this affects us directly as two of our children's visas expire in January. Because of this development, Julie will have to return to the US with the children while I continue to advance with the ministry in Burkina. Thankfully, Julie and I have visas that are still valid until January of 2027. This will allow us to make trips back and forth in order to move forward with ministry. We are trusting the Lord in this specific time and situation. We desire to be in Burkina Faso as a family and to carry on with the work of evangelizing, planting churches, and training national pastors. The future is hard to predict, however, we know who holds tomorrow and we are at rest in knowing that our Creator has a purpose for this season. Please pray for our family as we will be spending time apart, awaiting any political changes during the year. The unplanned extra trips will greatly increase our normal traveling expenses. We would like to thank several churches who have already contacted us concerning the situation and have expressed their support in prayer and in sending extra funds to cover the unexpected costs. Your rapid response has encouraged us more than words can express.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



### Prayer Requests

- President Traoré and the fight against terrorism
- Pastoral training of David, Jean, Germain, William & Souleymane
- Spiritual growth of Paterne, Anassa and Amed
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Kids' club ministries
- School of the Bible
- 2 couples who are struggling
- \$3,000 remaining to raise for the Junior Camp
- Improved diplomacy between the US and Burkina

### Praise Report

- We celebrated Korben 5th birthday
- We found a little petting zoo near us which was a special treat for the kids
- The completion of the second semester of the school of the Bible
- Had a wonderful Christmas season!
- \$1,000 has been donated for the junior camp

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### Birthdays

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

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16*