

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

December 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

School Outreach

These past months, we've been brainstorming about an outreach ministry that would target young people. Since the tent ministry is a good way to confront many with the Gospel, we decided to set up the Gospel tent next to local schools and minister to the students as they are dismissed for the day. One of the school administrators even gave us a good spot to set up the tent right next to the Entrance! This ministry has been fun and has allowed us to spend time with young people who have many questions and who swarm the tent to see what is going on. We are praying that as a result of this youth outreach, young people would not only be saved, but be integrated into the youth group.

New Parents

We congratulate David and Pengde with the birth of their daughter. This event was preceded by a bout of illness for David, which sadly led him to miss the birth. Thankfully, he was able to recover and he is overjoyed with the gift that God gave them just a few days before Christmas. It is a tradition in Burkina to have someone else name your child, and in this instance, Alina was given the privilege to pick one of the names for their little girl. She chose « Tipoudou » which means « Flower » in the local dialect. Thank you for your prayers for this precious couple who is devoted to serving the Lord and having a bright testimony in their community. Please pray for David as he is currently preparing to be ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Christmas Season

This Christmas season has been blessed, but not without a number of great challenges. We are grateful to the Lord that He is faithful to sustain us and to help us be filled with joy in the midst of difficulties.

One of the highlights of this Christmas season was the celebration we held for the kids of the community on Christmas day. Every Wednesday we organize a kids club for the children of the community, where we average between 30-40 kids. We are thankful that around 90 kids came on Christmas, 16 of which had been faithful to attend all month without missing a Wednesday of Club meeting. Those 16 received an extra special gift as a reward for their faithfulness. We are thankful for the opportunity to invest eternal truths in the lives of these precious souls.

Another highlight was the women's and the men's Christmas gatherings. Julie taught a Bible lesson and the ladies learned how to decorate American sugar cookies. For the men's special gathering, the Lord gave us a deep meaningful discussion about the Messiah's birth. The Lord used that time to speak to me as well through the discussion of God's word.

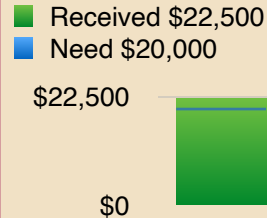
On New year's eve, we gathered together as a church, enjoyed a meal, had a wonderful time of testimonies, spiritual evaluation, teaching and prayer. We praise the Lord for the gathering of the church and the fruit that is produced from the fellowship around God's word.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." - Proverbs 9:10*

Building project for 2nd church



Prayer Requests

- Transition of Tabtenga to the new property
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Jean for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church
- Kids' club ministry
- Ordination of David
- Starting a School of the Bible

Praise Report

- David was very ill for weeks, but is well again
- Pengde had a healthy girl
- We received all the funds for the building project
- We had several blessed Christmas programs
- We are thankful for extra Christmas offerings from supporting churches
- Korben turned 4 years old

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Birthdays

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