

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

July 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Picking a property in Tabtenga

Praise the Lord, all the funds for the purchase of property in Tabtenga have been donated! Thank you to everyone who has prayed and given toward this project. We do not want to rush into the purchase of a property as land ownership and land attribution discrepancies in that particular area of town are prevalent. This problem has led to false ownership deeds time and again. A false sale or deed could lead to the government retaking ownership of the property, so we are doing everything we can to check that properties for sale that we are interested in are legitimate and that the paperwork is in order. In the past, this has led us to several dead ends. Please be in prayer concerning this decision. We are currently looking at two properties that could be purchased for the church and we are asking God to confirm which one would be His will, or if there is another one, that He would clearly show us. We have done evangelistic outreaches around one of the properties and there have been some positive encounters. Thank you for your prayers in this regard.

Nocturnal outreach

With a goal to have more church members participate in the evangelistic outreaches organized by the church, we began a late evening outreach. This allows those who cannot participate during the day to join us in sharing the Gospel when work is over. We did not know what to expect the first time, but we are thankful that it was better than anticipated. Two young men prayed to trust Christ as Savior and one backslidden christian has rededicated his life to Christ and has started coming to church. At the very least, this initiative allows the Gospel to be literally « illuminated » in the darkness of the night, allowing sinners to see that there is a light of hope in Christ in this dark world! The church members who were able to join us at that particular time are eager to keep participating in the evening outreaches. Please pray for us as we plan to do this every Tuesday evening.



Young adult camp

The young adult camp was a success. There were around 150 campers who attended, from several churches in Ouagadougou and the surrounding provinces. Many were helped by the preaching of an American pastor, Chris Hewett, who was the main speaker. We were thankful to have 6 young adults from our church participate in the camp.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker



“And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.” - Judges 7:2

Property of 2nd church

■ Received

\$30,000

Total given
\$30,195



Prayer Requests

- Purchase process of a property for the 2nd church plant
- Upcoming inauguration of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga
- 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

- The fund raiser for the church property is complete
- New outreach ministry started on Tuesday evenings
- Started discipleship with a new convert
- The first camp went well
- The whole family is healthy

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Birthdays

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