

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

June 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

A new generator!

Thank you for your prayers for this particular need. Not only did the \$5,000 come in, but we received word that more was on the way. Praise the Lord for his abundant provision. Anything extra that comes in for this fund will be used for the running and maintenance of the generator. Thank you to all those who have prayed and those who have given generously for the generator upgrade. The new generator is now sitting in our yard and has already proven to be a blessing. It means a lot to us that we have brothers and sisters in Christ who pray for us and desire to make sure that all our needs are met so that we may serve the Lord freely.

Pastors' retreat

Our missionary friends, the Brown family invited us to work together in organizing a pastors' retreat. This was planned as a time of physical and spiritual refreshments for the national pastors that we are training for the ministry, and for their families. We are thankful that these three days of retreat were a big success. We ate delicious meals, fellowshiped with national pastors and their families, had some fun activities for the whole family. We also had very specific teaching sessions addressing a variety of helpful subjects to encourage and exhort the pastoral couples. It was encouraging to have the men we are training- Biennu, David, Adama, and Jean- in attendance with their families.



Three baptized

On the last Sunday of the month, we baptized Paul, a Nigerian man, Djamel, the daughter of a faithful family in the church, and Kezia, our 2nd daughter. Kezia has made a profession of faith in Christ almost 2 years ago, but she was hesitant about getting baptized with her sister Alina when we were in the US. After all this time, she expressed to us that she was ready and desired to be baptized to tell the church that she wanted to follow Jesus. Praise the Lord!

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end" - Deuteronomy 8:16

**Property of
2nd church**
The remainder of the funds
have been promised!

■ Promised
■ Received

\$30,000

\$24,195 →



Prayer Requests

- Preparation for camps
- Purchase process of a property for the 2nd church plant.
- The beginning 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 Biennu 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

- A new generator purchased
- The remaining \$6,000 was promised for the purchase of property!
- 3 baptisms, including our Kezia
- Pengdewende was successfully operated on one of her kidneys which was obstructed by a 2 cm stone.

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Birthdays

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