

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Go out into the highways

There is no greater joy than to introduce someone to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although few are willing to receive the message of salvation, an enormous amount of people in Burkina Faso, including protestants, have no idea what the Gospel is all about. As we reach out into our community to confront the lost with the reality of eternity, it is our job to make the Gospel accessible. We are not responsible for the conversion of the lost, but we are responsible for proclaiming the good news which has the power to save through the convicting work of the Holy Spirit. To further increase our ability to fish for men, we have recently added rotating signs that communicate a message which leads to the Gospel. For example, one of the signs says on one side : « Why do you exist ? » while the other side says : « God has a plan for your life ! » These signs are interactive and have led several people to stop to ask about the purpose of our presence on one of the busy roads of the capital city. In addition to our regular door to door soul winning efforts, we go out on a main road every Tuesday and Thursday evening as folks return home from work. As thousands drive by, we are reminded of the Lord's words to « *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it* » (Mat 7:13-14). May the Lord use our efforts to see many find the strait and narrow way in Jesus Christ.



Property of 2nd church



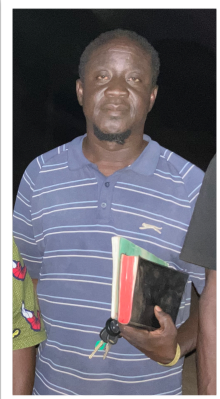
Prayer Requests

- Funds for 2nd church plant
- The beginning of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga
- Funds needed for a generator: \$3000
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Training Adama and Jean to be faithful men at Tabtenga
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Blaise is serving in the military volunteers
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

Praise Report

- A church donated \$5,000 which puts us at less than \$6,000 needed for the purchase of the property for the 2nd church
- Kezia is 6 years old
- School break has begun for the

Jean, a new disciple



In our previous prayer letter we mentioned two men who are being disciplined to be faithful men in the church plant of Tabtenga. Adama, who started the Bible study in his home, is joined by Jean (John) who comes from a devout Catholic family. He attempted to follow the training to become a priest in the Catholic church but it never worked out. Adama met Jean as he was faithfully witnessing in his community, and, as a result, Jean started attending the Bible studies in Adama's home. I asked him about his salvation testimony and he has expressed clear faith in Christ and has recognized the errors of catechism. He has shared with me his desire to serve God and has said that he cannot escape the calling of God upon his life. I told Jean that we are happy to have him with us and that with time, as he progresses in his faith, we would consider beginning to train him for the ministry.

Generator upgrade

Unfortunately, the generator we purchased a few month back is not strong enough to power the essentials of our household. We need to upgrade to a higher capacity generator to provide reliable electricity. If anybody would like to donate anything toward this unexpected expense, that would be greatly appreciated. We're thankful for a church that has already contributed \$2,000 of the \$5,000 we need. This leaves us with a need of \$3,000.

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 the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. » - Luke 14:23

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Birthdays

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