

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

September 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

A helper in the Ministry

Years ago, when we were in the middle of the building project for the first church plant, a man named Moussa helped us greatly with the construction of the building. He was a former Muslim that had trusted in Christ as his Savior through the ministry of a Protestant church. As we enjoyed fellowship and worked together on the building project, he determined to join our church. A little while later, he moved to Ghana for a job opportunity in construction due to his struggling construction business in Burkina Faso. A few months ago, he returned to Burkina Faso because of his father's failing health and he has been assisting his brother in his construction business. He has returned to church and has picked up where he left off. Moussa is a mature Christian who has a tender heart for others. He has been assisting us with the outreach ministries and the kid's club. He has initiative to see needs and helps to resolve them. He currently lives over 30 minutes away from the church and comes as often as possible, but he wants to move closer. We are rejoicing to have Moussa back with us as his involvement in ministry has been a tremendous help and blessing to the church. Please pray for him as he seeks to rent a home closer to church, desires to get married, and witnesses to his muslim family.

Building project for 2nd church

■ Received

\$20,000

\$1,195 →



Prayer Requests

- Purchase process of a property for the 2nd church plant
- 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
- Kids' club ministry

Praise Report

- Inauguration of 2nd church went very well
- The presence of a chief at 1st service after the inauguration
- Moussa LIDO is an encouragement through his involvement in ministry
- The celebration of Stephen and Julie's Birthdays.
- Meeting parents of faithful kid's club attendees.

Tabtenga Church Inauguration

The day finally came, and the work in Tabetenga transitioned from a Bible Study to a church on the evening of the 28th of September 2024. During the Inauguration service, we were able to have a dozen signatures of local people who wanted to express their support and desire to be involved in the Bible Baptist Church of Tabetenga. We had over 150 people present for this event, including a few people from 4 sister churches. We also had the privilege to baptize 3 individuals. The inauguration service was on a Saturday

evening, and the next day, we had ten adults and about 30 kids for the Sunday service. Praise the Lord! We also had a local chief attend the Sunday meeting, which was a special treat. We are still prioritizing finding property to purchase for the church to transition to, and we are discipling new believers. Thank you for prayers for the work in Tabetenga.

Kids' Club Reward

Since the kid's conference in August, we've told every child that if they came faithfully every Wednesday until the school year begins (October), they would receive a school bag. Although many came every week, only a few came every single time without missing a Wednesday. We are thankful for the 7 kids we accompanied home one Wednesday, where we presented their gift to one of their parents. Although attendance has lowered now that school is back in session, we still plan to do something special at the end of every month for those who are faithful during the month. There's continued excitement about the kids' club and we desire to keep it up so that the Bible might be invested in the lives of these precious children.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD." - Lamentations 3:25-26

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Birthdays

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

