

# the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partner,

Abdoul is a ten year boy who faithfully attends the new church in Pala. His father was a very strict muslim. However, Abdoul consistently invited his father to come to church with him. He continually refused. During our World Evangelism conference in Pala, we held a special evangelistic carnival for the community. The members from the different churches divided into teams to go out and invite people to come to the evening activities. One of those teams came across Abdoul's father. He decided that if he brought Abdoul to the carnival, maybe his son would stop pestering him to come to church. So he came to church. I happened to be standing at the entrance of the church when Abdoul and his father came walking in. I could tell how uncomfortable he was to be there (I didn't know who he was at the time). So I welcomed them in and accompanied them until I was able to connect him with one of the pastors. That pastor showed them around. Throughout the evening, I kept seeing them and saw that they were having a good time with the carnival games. A little while later, I saw the pastor and Abdoul's father having a deep conversation. Soon after, they came up to me and shared some exciting news: Abdoul's father had decided to put his faith in Jesus Christ!



Abdoul's father is just one of the people whose life was impacted and changed through the World Evangelism conference. Even though the accent of the conference is about motivating the churches for evangelism and serving God, we always schedule an evangelistic activity to provide the opportunity to put into practice those things that are learned. We had different teaching sessions and combined

services throughout the conference to teach and prepare the churches to reach not only Burkina Faso but the whole world. As the leaders and members of the different churches came together for this conference, we saw God work in our hearts to renew and revive us for His work. Thank you for praying for this conference. Please continue to pray for the churches here as they advance for Christ.

We held our first kids' camp this summer at the church in Kouentou and had a great time. Four youth from our churches are doing a summer ministry internship this year. They did a wonderful job organizing and running the entire camp! God worked in the lives of the children; and many of them put their faith in Christ during the camp. Because the space was limited at the church, we had to limit the camp to only forty kids. Sadly, we had to turn away nearly twice that many who wanted to register.

Lord willing, as the church facilities are built, God will allow us next year to host many more kids for the camp. Please pray for Pastor Drabo and the church in Kouentou as they help these children grow in their faith.

By God's grace, the construction of the school building is advancing! They have nearly finished the first level. Soon, they will pour the flooring for the second floor. It is exciting to see the progress! We really enjoyed having my older brother, Nathan, come visit us for a few weeks. It is always fun having visitors and seeing them get involved in the different ministries. Thank you so much for your prayers and support this month! It means so much to us. God bless!



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