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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

Dear faithful ministry partner,

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God is faithful. This simple truth has never felt stronger as it does as we end out this year of 2025. We've seen God do so many incredible things here in Burkina this past year. He has changed lives and families, called people into the ministry, provided for projects, and grown the churches. As we look back and rejoice over what God has done, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and appreciation for each and every one of you as well. We know that we could not be doing what we are doing here in Burkina without you. From your faithful prayers and support every month to your sacrificial giving for different projects to simply your emails of encouragement, you are helping us impact Burkina for Jesus Christ. Thank you so much. Last month, one of our supporting pastors came to visit. He had a phrase he loved to repeat, "God's got it." We know that in 2026, God's got it. In the midst of a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape, especially here in Burkina, God's got it. Thank you for traveling this exciting journey with us in 2025 and we are looking forward to what God will be doing in 2026.



Christmas is always a fun and busy time among the churches here in Burkina. At Victory Baptist Church, many of our neighbors are muslims and they do not celebrate Christmas at home. So we use Christmas Day as an evangelistic outreach to provide a Christmas meal for them. This opens a lot of doors to share Christ with them and build those relationships. This Christmas, we were also able to hold a special baptism service at that church. Seven new believers followed the Lord in baptism. One of them was a young woman named Brigitte. She has been coming to church faithfully for several months and gave her life to Christ. Her older sister, Elisa, started coming to church with her and also received Christ. On Christmas morning, they came with over a dozen of their family members and neighbors because they wanted them to be witnesses of their public profession in Christ. We are excited to see these new believers growing in their faith!

We were also able to hold special Christmas activities in many of the churches as well. At the church in Pala, they had nearly 150 kids come out. For the Hope Scholarship ministry, we held our annual Christmas party for the children; and we were able to shower them with gifts and love. One of the mothers from the ministry thanked us profusely and said that she was sad because all she could do herself for her daughter for Christmas was braid and decorate her hair. But because of the Hope Scholarship, her daughter was able to have a special Christmas. As we celebrate the greatest gift we have ever received, Jesus Christ, it is a joy to share his love, hope and joy with others. We were also able to share over 800 pounds of rice with widows, refugees, and others during this month. All of these acts of love are possible because of your love and commitment to the Lord. Thank you!



We ask that you pray for the salvation of a man named Moussa, who is the father of Abdoul Razak. Abdoul Razak (pictured) is one of our most faithful boys at Victory Baptist Church. God has called him into the ministry. Though his father is a Muslim, God has allowed us to spend time with him over this past month and he seems open to the Gospel. We look forward to sharing with you what God does in his life.

Thank you so much for all of your faithful prayers and support for not only this month, but the entire year. May God bless you greatly and give you a new year filled with His grace and love!



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