

the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partner,



The church in Kouentou had their first baptism service, baptizing fourteen people! One of those that got baptized was a woman named Doubaya Sanou. She is a 70 year old widow and a little fireball. When she got saved, she faced extreme opposition from some in the village. They cut off all financial support and told her that she would receive no help again until she renounced Christ. But Doubaya stood firm in her faith and refused to abandon Christ. She has become one of our most faithful members at the church and the church has been able to step in and help her when the others forsook her. Her faith and testimony have become a bright light in the village. When she got baptized, the entire church broke out in a huge applause! Please continue to pray for Doubaya and the others who were baptized, that God will continue to work in their lives.

For Christmas this year, our churches tried something new! With help from Taking the Light, we put together a Bible trivia game show for the community called Bobo Quiz Biblique. During the month of November, we had participants take part in games and activities at the church. The 24 finalists played in a tournament at an activity center here in Bobo. It was a really fun night of preaching, special music, and games. We had over 700 people come out for the event and over 90 professions of faith. Please pray for us as we follow up with those that made professions and help get them engaged with a local church. We're even hoping that this might allow us to see some Bible studies started in parts of Bobo where we don't have churches yet!



The building for the new church in Bobo is nearing completion! We're hoping to finish the building in time to have a special building dedication service inside on January 26th. To finish the church building, we need \$1,700 to put on the roof and \$1,300 to finish the flooring and the outside entrance. Then we will be able to start construction of the parsonage. It has been exciting to see how God has been blessing the new church and the way that it has been growing. They are definitely excited to move out of the tent and into the building. Thanks so much for all who have given to and prayed for the future of this church!

On the first Sunday of January, all six of the churches came together to have a special combined service to begin the new year. God blessed our time together! The highlight of the service was ordaining Pastor Augustin, who is making plans to go out and start a new church this year. Please pray that God will use him greatly and give us much wisdom for the future.



Thank you all so much for all of the faithful prayers and support for the work here in Burkina Faso. We appreciate all of you so much and the kindness and love that you show towards our family. May the Lord bless you all greatly!



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