

the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partner,

Clarissa was born into a Catholic family. While she was still young, she was married to a Muslim man and had two children. Clarissa hoped that by teaching her children to follow both her and her husband's religious practices, and through doing enough good works, she and her family would be saved. However, no matter how hard she tried she knew something was missing! She tried harder to be more faithful, but she could never find the peace that she so desperately needed. One day, as she was working at the house and listening to the radio, she heard one of our Gospel broadcasts. She began to tune in at the same time every week so she could listen. As she heard the word of God and the truths of His love for her, she realized what she had been missing for so long: Jesus! She built up the courage to call in and ask for a follow-up visit. Pastor Augustin was privileged to visit her and lead her to the Lord. In a home where there was no light, God lit a candle of truth that we pray will continue to burn and to enlighten the hearts of Clarissa's husband and children! By God's grace, we receive calls weekly from people who hear the radio broadcasts and want to know more about Christ. Many have put their faith in Him as their Lord and Savior! Please pray for us as we continue to follow up with these new believers.



Over the past two months several of the churches have hosted special evangelistic events. It has been really exciting to see people come to the Lord and to be added to the different churches! Pastor Isaac and Victory Baptist Church in Bobo-Dioulasso have been weekly setting up a booth on the side of a main road near the church; there they greet people, hand out coffee and tracts, and talk to them about Jesus. They have had nearly 200 people stop and talk with them. Pastor Drabo and Reconciliation Baptist Church in Kouentou held a special week of evangelistic services and activities. Over forty people put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, including a man named Blaise and his entire family! They have become a faithful part of the church. We thank God that the churches are not only continuing strong, but are growing and seeing new people saved. We are also excited for the new churches that Pastor Bationo and Pastor Augustin are in the process of preparing to start. We look forward to helping them soon finalize the details in person, and to keeping you all updated on them over the next few months.

We are in packing mode as we prepare to head back to Burkina on July 13th! By God's grace, we got the 40 ft container loaded up and it is on its way over to Africa. We praise God for the way that He provided all of the funds needed to ship the container and for all of the Bibles, christian literature, and materials we put in it! Thank you to all of you who gave so generously to help with this important project and for your faithfulness to invest in the ministry. The container should arrive at the beginning of August, so please pray that there are no complications or difficulties along the way, especially with the customs in Burkina. Please pray for me this month as I participate in a three week intensive French training at a university in Quebec to help us better prepare to start the school. Once I get back to Pennsylvania we'll have a little less than two weeks to finalize our packing and then we'll be flying out. We are really excited about getting back to the field and seeing what God is going to continue to do there! Thank you for all of your faithful prayers and support for God's work in Burkina Faso. May God bless you greatly!



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