

the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partner,

Five years! God allowed the first church that we started here in Bobo to celebrate its fifth anniversary. It is hard to believe that we have been here in Bobo already five years. In a lot of ways, it just feels like yesterday that we arrived. It was an encouraging time together with the church and they were able to baptize four new believers! One of those that got baptized was a man named Suleiman. He was a Muslim man that came to Christ through the new Bible study that Pastor Augustin started in sector 23 of Bobo. Every Sunday, because we do not have a church near him yet, Suleiman makes his way to the first church, which is on the whole other side of the city. Sometimes he rides his bike. Sometimes he takes a taxi-motorcycle. It usually takes him between 40 minutes to an hour to get to church. One Sunday, a few weeks before the baptism, we were on our way home from church and it was raining hard. Up ahead, we saw Suleiman riding in a taxi-motorcycle on his way home. He was on the back of the taxi, getting soaked in the rain. His commitment and love for Christ, especially as a new believer, was convicting. Please continue to pray for these new believers as they continue to grow in their faith.



By God's grace, we had the launch service on October 6th for a new church here in Bobo in the neighborhood of Pala. God blessed the service and over 40 adults and approximately 70 kids come out. It was exciting to see the fruit of weeks of visits and evangelism. We are praying that God will continue to build and strengthen His church! Pastor Bationo has been continuing this work since the inauguration service. It has been encouraging to see people added to the church and growing in their faith. The church is still meeting underneath a tent that we are renting out every week while the children are meeting underneath a hangar that we have built. By God's grace, and by faith, we have started on the construction of the building for the church to meet in. Thank you so much to all of you who have already given for this! We need about \$9,000 more to complete this project. Please pray that the Lord will continue to work through this new church and provide the rest of the funds need for the building.



With the new land that God provided for the church in the village of Finlandé, the church finally has a permanent place to meet! Since we have been meeting on the land, we have seen the church really start to grow and mature. Please pray that God will also open the door for the church in

Noumoudara to have a permanent meeting place. Just like in Finlandé, there are elders in the village there that are greatly opposing the church and hindering us from getting land there. Many of the members there are also being pressured by their families to abandon the faith. Please pray that God will strengthen the church in Noumoudara and help the members there to continue strong in the face of persecution.

We're organizing a special evangelistic Christmas event next month in one of the main convention centers here in Bobo. We're praying and planning for around 1,000 people to come out for it! Please pray that everything will go smoothly and that we will see many people saved. Thank you so much for all of your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here in Burkina Faso!



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