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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA



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Dear faithful ministry partner,

The container has arrived! We thank God for His help and provision in getting the container here. It took a little longer than we had expected, especially getting it cleared through customs here. Due to the political insecurity and terrorism in Burkina, a lot of things have become more complicated than before. However, it has now been delivered and we got it placed on the school land! We have already started distributing the tracts and Bibles and sharing them among the churches to be used. We are really excited to see the fruit that God is going to bring forth, and already has, from these materials that you have helped to provide for the ministry here. Thank you so much to all of you that gave for the tracts and the shipping of the container!

The container on the school land

The church in the village of Kouentou held their official launch service on September 8th! The week leading up to the 8th, there were several spiritual attacks and obstacles. The day

before the service, one of the main men in the church was ambushed, but God delivered him and protected him. The morning of the



service, it was raining so hard that we didn't know if anyone would come, but God stopped the rain for about thirty minutes before the service began and kept it light until the service was over. By God's grace, the service was a huge blessing and over a hundred people came out! Pastor Drabo, who has been working in the village for the past two years, as a part of the moto circuit riding ministry, has taken over the church full-time. We really believe that God is going to use him and his family there. Please continue to pray for this church as it continues to grow and reach its village, and the surrounding area, with the Gospel.

This month, we had our annual pastors' camp, a time when we withdraw with the pastors for a week to pray and strategize for the year ahead. It is also a time for us to strengthen ourselves in the Lord and His Word. This year, we had Pastor Salif, from the northern part of Burkina, come teach. The

theme was how to help our churches become strong and indigenous, so that we can advance further for the Lord. It was an encouraging time and the pastors left with a renewed zeal to strengthen our churches for the great work God has ahead.

Lord willing, on October 6th, we will be starting the new church here in Bobo, in an area of the city called Pala. We have been working the past few weeks to prepare the land, both physically and spiritually. Please pray with us for this new church. On Thursday, October 3, we are having a day of fasting and prayer among the churches here for this new church and we would like to invite all of you to join with us in praying on this day. As we have been evangelizing in the area, and getting to know it better, we realized that the Muslim influence is

even stronger than we realized. However, we have been encouraged by how open so many of them are to the Gospel. Please also pray for the funds to come in for the construction of the church building, the parsonage and other buildings. We still need about \$16,000 to complete this project. As we wait for these funds to come in, the church will be meeting in a shed on the church land.

The work of God is advancing and we are excited to be a part of it! Thank you so much for partnering with us in this work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls here in Burkina. God bless!







