

the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA



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Dear faithful ministry partner,



This month marked the start of the school year of our Bible Institute. We have eight men following the course to learn more about the ministry and prepare to one day become pastors. We are excited to see these men join with the pastors that have already been trained, and work together to see even more churches established here in Burkina Faso. I will be teaching many of the classes this year, but several of our pastors will also be teaching different classes this year. Please pray that these men will truly give themselves to Christ and this training, so that they can impact this world with the Gospel.



The church at Kouentou celebrated their third anniversary this month and we were blessed to be able to be a part of their celebration. It is exciting to see how God has been blessing this church and using them to reach their village. This year was extra special, because they celebrated in the new building that you all helped them to build. Pastor Drabo baptized 8 new believers, including his own daughter, and a niece.



The school year officially starts on October 1st here in Burkina and we are ready to get this school started! We held a special banquet with the staff of the school to celebrate what God has done and to prepare our hearts for the new year. It was a time to cast the vision for why we have the school: to do our best for the glory of God. We want to do our best to reach these students for Christ; we want to do our best in teaching them effectively; we want to be one of the best schools in Bobo because we serve a God that deserves the very best. Please pray for this final week as all of the final work gets done. God has already given us a good group of students enrolled in the school, so please pray also that He will bring in the rest and give us the students that He wants us to have this year. On October first, we will be holding a special ceremony to welcome the students and parents, with a time of preaching and other activities. Several of the government and educational leaders of the city are also invited. Please pray that this first year will set a strong foundation for the future and we will see many reached through the ministry of the school.



Would you also please pray for Albert, one of the deacons at Victory Baptist Church? He has been in the government Hospital for nearly a month due to liver failure. After they operated on him, there were infections and complications that came from the surgery. We honestly thought we might lose him. By God's healing hand, Albert is doing better now, though he is not completely out of the woods. He needs our prayers, as do his wife and four young children. Those who have visited us here in Bobo will probably remember Albert. His heart for the Lord and desire to serve Him are evident is all that he does. Thank you for praying for him and his family.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support that allow us to continue this work that God has called us to. God bless!

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