

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

February 2024

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,



Pastors' Conference

We had the opportunity to attend a pastors' conference organized by a missionary friend. It was exciting to have David and Bienvenu participate and glean from the seasoned preachers who came from the US to minister in the Word. Our church was privileged to host one night of this meeting as well.

Couples' meeting

Valentine's Day is a good opportunity to emphasize the importance that God places on the home life. It is our prayer that every man and wife will have a testimony of faithfulness and love before their children and community. We chose a Sunday evening to host a special meeting with the couples of our church. We decorated for the theme, had a delicious meal, played a game to build harmony, and taught on the subject of making our home a refuge.

I was also invited that same afternoon to speak to couples in a sister church on the subject of serving together as a family. We praise the Lord for the families in our church that desire to walk with God.



The crisis continues

Although the capital city (where we live) is far from terrorist activities, there are still many areas of the country that remain unsafe and have constant reports of terrorist activities. Unfortunately, one of the recent attacks has been in the home village of Valentin, one of our church members. His village was recently attacked by a group of terrorist who killed the chief and the security agents who were defending it. Because of this tragedy, Valentin's father made the hard decision to flee the village for the safety of his wife and two daughters. When Valentin told me of this development, we were heart broken and quickly thought of what we could do to aid this family who had lost so much and had no where to live. Valentin's family was able to find a bus to get to Ouagadougou, the capital city, where we picked them up and

arranged for them to stay in a rental property where they can have a roof over their heads. Please pray for the Kantagba family as they acclimate to city life and as we strive to encourage them in the Lord. Please also pray that security would be restored in their region so that they may return home.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership with us in the work of the Lord.

Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God." - Job 19:26*

Property of 2nd church

■ Need
■ Received

\$30,000

\$18,195 →



Prayer Requests

- Funds for 2nd church plant
- The beginning of Bible Baptist Church of Tabtenga
- President Traoré
- The fight against terrorism
- Training David and Bienvenu for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Jacob Zongo, Arsène Kaboré, Arouna Nabie and Michel Ouedraogo
- Blaise is serving in the military volunteers
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- Adama's mother's health
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church

Praise Report

- 2 more donations for the property of the 2nd church
- Refreshing pastors' conference
- Good attendance for the couples' meeting
- Finished the painting of the church auditorium

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Birthdays

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Julie 9/26
Alina 8/12
Kezia 5/26
Korben 12/7
Anniversary 8/7