

The KNICKERBOCKER family

church planting in Burkina Faso

September 2025

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Solar project complete

Praise the Lord for the completion of the building project in Tabtenga! We entrusted this building project to William Lido, a faithful member of the church who also happens to be a contractor. He did a wonderful job with the building. We now have a functional property, equipped with bathrooms, an auditorium that can comfortably seat about 80 adults, a covered courtyard area, and a shipping container that is currently being converted into an office and storage area. On this property, we've already been able to host hundreds of children for the kids' club ministry, hold our regular worship services, Bible studies and prayer meetings. One of the best parts is that the property is powered completely by solar panels and batteries, providing unlimited energy for lighting and ventilation without monthly electric bills or daily power cuts. A few couples at church are preparing to get married soon, and we are eager to eventually host the first wedding in this building. Because of the generous giving from several churches, we have a little bit of money leftover to remodel the shipping container and do a few upgrades that we had not initially budgeted. Thank you, again, to all who have prayed and given for the church in Tabtenga.



School of the Bible in session

September marked the return in session of the Crown Evening School of the Bible of Ouagadougou. We are thrilled about many returning students who were excited about continuing their Bible training and for four new students who have joined us for this second semester. This semester's classes include "Old Testament Survey II" and "Personal Evangelism." Please help us pray as I will be teaching classes every Tuesday Evening until mid December, that the Lord will sustain our family's health, and that the students will have a renewed zeal to dive deeper into God's word and to have a closer relationship with Him.

Marriage counseling

One of the new members of the church in Boulmiougou, who was baptized in June, has since completed the new members class and is now an official member of the church. Paterne has a wife and 2 children. They do not come to church with him, but he expressed that he desires for his family to grow in faith together. I have spend the last several months doing weekly Bible studies with him and his wife to help them understand the biblical purpose of marriage and the role that each one of them must play in the family life. Both Paterne and his wife, Grace, have expressed their appreciation for these Bible studies. Please pray for Paterne and Grace as they work out some of the differences they have. Help us pray that Grace would show interest in following her husband to church, that they may worship, grow and be involved together as a family. She is currently attending another church, something that is very common practice, sadly, with married couples in Burkina Faso.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership for the work of the Lord.
Looking unto Jesus,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"For with thee is the fountain of life:
in thy light shall we see light." - Psalms 36:10*

Prayer Requests

- President Traoré and the fight against terrorism
- Pastoral training of David, Jean, Germain, William & Souleymane
- Spiritual growth of Paterne and Anassa
- Spiritual and physical growth of the churches
- More members involved in outreach
- Strong couples in the church
- Kids' club ministries & volunteers
- School of the Bible
- Preaching a mission conference in England**

Praise Report

- Solar project completed @ Tabtenga
- 52 kids were faithful every Friday for the kids club @ Tabtenga and 18 every Wednesday @ Boulmiougou
- Stephen celebrated his 38th BD
- Julie celebrated her 36th BD
- 4 new students for the School of the Bible
- Everyone is healthy

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Birthdays

Stephen 9/15
Julie 9/26
Alina 8/12
Kezia 5/26
Korben 12/7
Anniversary 8/7