

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

September 2026

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

School of the Bible back in session

Another semester of the School of the Bible of Ouagadougou began on September 15th, which happened to be on my birthday. There's no better gift for my birthday than teaching God's word. We are thankful for 5 new registered students and for a great start to the semester. This semester has a more intense schedule to make room for a trip back to the US. I am now teaching on Friday evenings in addition to the regularly scheduled Tuesday evening classes. We also started corresponding with students who are not able to attend in person, but who would like to follow online. For the first time, we are accompanying online students, sending them links to video recordings. Our hope is to eventually have an online program. This is a tremendous opportunity to strengthen pastors, church workers and believers who have very little resources and who are scattered all over Burkina Faso. A man who is currently following the School of the Bible online, commented after the 8th lesson of Old Testament Survey, "I'll admit, right away, that these lessons have shown me and taught me a lot of things I didn't know." Praise the Lord! We are eager to hear more testimonies like this one and to one day, in heaven, see the full extent of the fruit of this ministry in Burkina Faso.

Teaching curriculum completed

At the end of September, we were able to complete a Sunday School curriculum that taught through the Bible in 3.5 years. We were able to complete it for the kid's Sunday school class and the weekly kid's club at the church in Boulmiougou. We want to take the time to acknowledge the staff and volunteers who are faithful each week in helping us teach and take care of the kids. We are thankful for David, Valentin, Olivia, Rosine and Jonas (recently added to the team). Please pray that we would have more volunteers as the Boulmiougou kid's club averages about 40-50 kids each week.



God's protection on Omar

On the 18th of September, I got a call from Safi concerning the hospitalisation of her husband Omar. He had been in a motorcycle accident and sustained a serious head injury. Omar and Safi are a faithful couple in the church of Boulmiougou. As I was driving to the hospital to see Omar's condition, my heart was pounding, anticipating the worse scenario possible. He sustained a fracture on the back of his skull and was spitting blood when I visited him. After many tests and scans, the doctors kept him under observation for a couple of days and then, miraculously, dismissed him from the hospital. He was instructed to rest for a month before returning for a follow-up visit. Praise the Lord ! Omar insisted on going to church the next day. I picked him up, along with his family, early on Sunday morning and we rejoiced together as a church family for the protecting hand of the Lord on his life. In addition to God's protection, we rejoice in Omar's positive testimony in his community. When the accident happened, many of the his neighbors helped to bring him to the hospital, covering some of the expenses and visiting to show their support. We thank the Lord for protecting this precious family and using

them to be a light in their community. Please keep him in your prayers as he fully recovers from this serious injury.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the people." - 1 Chronicles 16:8*

Prayer Requests

- BBC of Boulmiougou
- BBC of Tabtenga
- Pastoral training of Jean, Germain & William
- Spiritual growth of Paterné, Anassa and Amed
- More members involved in outreach
- Kids' club ministries
- Visas for US citizens
- Wisdom in making a decision about the ministry
- Scheduling meetings for our 2027 furlough
- Renewing paperwork for the church
- School of the Bible
- Healing of Omar's head

Praise Report

- Julie and I had birthdays
- A good start to the School of the Bible semester with 4 new students
- A good start to the distance learning of the school of the Bible
- Completing the Sunday school curriculum
- Omar protection and testimony in the community
- Furlough scheduled @ 55%
- Returning to the US for 3 weeks to be with family.

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Birthdays

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

