

The **KNICKERBOCKER** family

church planting in Burkina Faso

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Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

Washing feet

For Valentine's day, we organized an evening with the couples of the church at our house. As each couple arrived, I invited them to wash each other's feet, in preparation for the evening's lesson where I emphasized the importance of serving one another and not letting one person do everything. What a delightful time we had! The meeting was joyful and spiritual. Each couple had a wonderful time together and enjoyed the meal that was prepared. Although a few men were hesitant to participate in the washing of feet at first, all of the couples participated. We praise the Lord for these families that we can invest in for the glory of the Lord.



New soul-winning effort

In addition to the door to door soul winning efforts, we began setting up a tent with a table of literature to pass out to those who walk or drive by the church property. I approached a man who manages the empty property next to the church and asked if we could set up our tent on it, which would allow us to be next to the paved road. We are thankful that this muslim man approved our request. It has been several weeks now that we have had the tent set up next to the paved road, and because of the visibility and the amount of traffic, we've been able to minister to more people. The folks of the church are excited about this new initiative and we are praying that this opportunity will further the impact of our church in the community.

I am also continuing to put short videos on the church's social media page, teaching truths from the Scriptures. There has been several views from people in our area, but also from other places in the french speaking world. A lady from France took the time to contact me, telling me she had been enjoying the videos and that she had more questions about the Bible. We began these videos to help the local folks, but are thankful to know others around the world can be reached and helped spiritually as well.

Muslim in church

Speaking of the new soul winning effort, we recently met a muslim man named Adama. As I handed him a tract, he threw his cigarette on the ground and was willing to sit down with me to listen to the Gospel. He was unusually receptive and after praying to trust Christ, we exchanged contact information. That same evening, he called me saying that he would be coming to church on Sunday. To our amazement, Adama kept his word. Although he came late, we had good fellowship afterward. It was his first time entering any type of church service, which for a muslim man, is a very big step of faith. Please pray for Adama as we follow up with him and encourage him in his new faith.

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

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." - 1 Thess. 2:4

Prayer Requests

- Training Serge for the ministry
- Spiritual growth of Valentin, Michel, and Adama
- Julie's biometrics appointment for citizenship (\$295 attorney fees left)
- Julie as she stays States side with the children
- Korben, Alina, and Julie's visa
- Completion of building project
- Training of the faithful men of the church
- Spiritual and physical growth of the church
- A stable job for Vincent, David, and Serge
- The fight against terrorism
- Transition of government because of a coup

Praise Report

- A successful couple's meeting
- \$750 toward Julie's paperwork fees have been given
- \$1,000 has been given to help with Stephen's additional traveling expenses
- Salvation of Adam, a muslim man

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Birthdays

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