

# the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

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Dear faithful ministry partner,

One of our favorite parts of Easter in Burkina Faso are having baptisms on Easter Sunday! We started this on our first Easter in Bobo and have been doing it ever since. Seeing people getting baptized on Easter serves as a powerful testimony that our risen Lord is continuing to give new life to those who believe in Him. This was my first Easter back in the states since then, but by God's grace, the churches are carrying on this tradition. **This Easter, they baptized seven new believers!** It has been so exciting to see the churches continue to advance and go forward. This furlough has served as a powerful reminder that it is God that does the work and we are only tools in His hands. We praise Him for helping the pastors and churches continue strong for Him!

We are exciting to be heading back to Burkina Faso in just a few months! **We have purchased our tickets and, Lord willing, will be flying back to Burkina on July 13th.** God has opened the door for me to spend the month of June in Quebec, Canada to participate in an intensive training there. This training in Quebec, where they speak French and have the same French-based school system as Burkina, will be invaluable in preparing us to lay a strong foundation for the school. Please pray for all of the final preparations as we prepare to head back!



By God's grace, the half a million tracts have finished being printed and we were able to pick them up! While we were back in Pennsylvania for Easter, our sending church and another faithful supporting church in the area held a Bible assembly to put together the French John and Romans. **Together, the two churches were able to assemble over 26,000!** We are excited to see how God will use these tracts and Bibles to touch hearts and change lives. We will be shipping a 40 ft container over to Burkina in May with these scriptures, along with nearly 2,000 whole Bibles. On the container, we will also be including materials and equipment for the school and the churches for the next several years. God has even already provided a complete playground set for the school that we will be shipping over! We have included more information about this container and some of the materials that we would like to include. **The cost to buy the container (so that we will be able to keep it to use for storage) and to ship it to Burkina will be a little more than \$12,000.** If you would like to help us with the cost of the container, we would be very grateful!

**The church in the village of Kouentou is going to be starting a special week of evangelistic events on April 21st.** Please pray for God to greatly use this time to strengthen the church and reach the village! Thanks to the land we were able to purchase for the church there, Pastor Drabo and his family will be moving out there and working full time at this church. Kouentou is a large «market village», meaning that it serves as the center of all the villages in that area. A strong church in this village will serve as a bright light for that entire region. Please pray that God will use this week in a special way to strengthen this church!

Thank you for all of your faithful prayers and support for God's work in Burkina Faso! May God bless you greatly!



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