

the RISHEL FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA

Dear faithful ministry partner,

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The name Abdoul is the Arabic/muslim equivalent of the word 'saint'. It is also one of the most common names here in Burkina, always connected to another name (for example, someone could be named Abdoul Maguid, which means it could be the equivalent of calling someone Saint Maguid). In our Hope Scholarship ministry, we have four boys named Abdoul. One of those boys is named Abdoul Razak. His mother is a faithful member of the church. Her husband, while allowing his wife to come to church, would refuse to allow her kids to come. When we started the Hope Scholarship ministry, Abdoul Razak's father allowed him to join the program and to start coming to church. He soon became really involved and after one Saturday meeting of the Hope Scholarship, Abdoul Razak put his faith in Jesus Christ. Now, Abdoul Razak truly is a saint! He has been growing a lot in his faith and his two teen sisters have also started coming to church with him and his mom. The Hope Scholarship ministry has opened the door for us to reach many other children like Abdoul Razak and also their families. Please be praying with us for the salvation of Abdoul Razak's father.

By God's grace, and through your faithful investments, we were able to put the roof on the building of the new church in Pala before the building dedication! God also provided the funds to finish the flooring and the other work on the building. Thank you so much to all who gave to help us complete this building. Over 100 people came out for the building dedication, including many of the church's neighbors. Please continue to pray for this new church, as it continues to grow and move forward for Christ.



Over these past two months, we have been spending a lot of time with the pastors and churches out in the villages to help strengthen and organize the churches. We don't usually get to spend as much time with the members of these churches as we do with those here in Bobo. We spent a week with both the church in Finlandé and the one in Kouentou to help train the members. This was a really encouraging time to get to know them better and see what God is doing there. We also organized an evangelistic soccer tournament for the villages of Finlandé and Noumoudara; God used that activity to reach many new people in those villages. Please continue to pray for God to open the door for us to have land in the village of Noumoudara for the church there.

God allowed us to break ground on the building for the school! We had a special time of prayer together with the pastors and some of the church members before beginning the work. They are all excited to see this project started. The construction is advancing and they have already dug and poured the foundation. They are estimating that the construction of the building will take about five months to be finished. Please be in prayer that God will help us to see this building completed and used for His glory to reach many with the Gospel.



We have resumed our program for Bible Institute and have eleven people taking part in the classes. We are excited to see a new generation of pastors and church leaders trained and prepared to serve God. We are looking forward to seeing what God has planned for the future here. Thank you so much for all of your faithful prayers and support that make all of this possible!



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