

The Shumakers



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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Burkina Faso is ranked number one on the Global Terrorism index in the world. Even though much of Burkina Faso is in turmoil, God continues to work. He continues to save many souls and to change lives. God continues to call young men to preach. Even though five of our churches have been closed down because of the terrorism, five others have been started in the past two years, and more are planned in the very near future.

The summer months in Burkina Faso are always a slammed packed few months but also one of the most blessed periods of time that we have all year.

July is the month of camps. We have young adult camp, Pastor's camp and many different Vacation Bible Schools. We had a visit from Bro. Scott Caudill, director of Macedonia World Baptist Missions, and his wife. God used Bro. Caudill greatly even though he was with us just for a few days. He was able to kick off our Pastor's camp for us. Pastor's camp isn't a time for the pastors only but also for their whole family. Most of the pastors that I have trained come to three different pastor's conferences during the year, but their wives and children don't. That is the reason for Pastor's camp. The pastor's wives and children need a time of refreshing, encouragement, and exhortation. The youth from our church at Zagtouli and a few other youth from other churches ran the children's program. It is amazing the impact that true Biblical discipleship has had on even these volunteers. It takes lots of time and effort, but those who Rebecca and I have disciplined through the years were able to lead the teen and children's program, and they did a tremendous job. Too many churches have settled in trying to produce good kids, but we need to produce Godly kids. So many have turned to entertainment for their kids and teens programs, but we are thankful for programs and camps that have allowed our youth to see how exciting it is to serve God "hands on."



By the grace of God, we finished the roof and the floor on the second dormitory building at camp. Thanks so much for your prayers and support for BaseCamp. It is amazing how far we have come over the past few years.

Pastor Chris Hewett and a few others came over for two weeks. God used him greatly. He was able to teach a discipleship conference and our young adult camp. We had around 150 present for the week, and the theme was "Who will Go?" God greatly moved during the whole week. While they were there, we held two VBS programs. We had over 400 kids each day at one of them. It was a busy time, but God blessed. We also had an intern, Hope Stapleton, with us for a few months, and she was a blessing.

In the last few prayer letters, I mentioned the need for an important building on our church property to serve as an office, recording studio, and lodging for traveling pastors and pastors in training. The estimated cost is \$50,000, and God's people have given a total of \$11,500. Lord willing, we will be able to start the first phase of building soon. Thank you to those who have given. If anyone else would like to help with the cost of this building, you can make a check out to MWBM marked, Keith Shumaker / Special Work Fund.

Thank you so much for all you do for us and the spread of the gospel in Burkina Faso. We could not have asked for better supporters and prayers warriors than God has given us.

His servants,
Keith, Rebecca, Emily, Meredith, Isaac
and Caleb Shumaker

