

The Shumakers

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

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Throughout my life, I have often heard the phrase, "I feel like a fish out of water." That is exactly the way I felt being in America the past few months. Thankfully, I am back in the water. My family, all except Meredith, made it back safely to Burkina Faso. It wasn't an easy decision, but God gave us peace that, because of her health, it is necessary for her to stay with her grandparents while the rest of us came back to Burkina.

A few months back Pastor Salif was able to start another church with one of the young men that he is training. I have been with Salif to Similigou a few times over the past few years to preach and evangelize hoping that God would prepare the way for a church to be opened. By God's grace that door opened, and a church was started. That is the 20th church that we or a man that we have trained has started in the country. God is so good!

Over three years ago God began working in my heart about building a camp. We didn't know how or where but by faith began praying. Just shortly after beginning to pray God opened up the door for us to buy a hectare (2.5 acres). This land is in a village and about 25 minutes from my house. Over a year ago we ended up buying another 3 hectares (10 acres total). God has already provided a very good solar powered well system. As time went on, we began to think of more and more things that can be done here. Finally, one morning I was on the land, and I thought the word "camp" just isn't enough. I was talking with a good friend of mine and he said, "Call it Base Camp." A base camp is the place of orientation and preparation before a mountain climber climbs up to the summit of the mountain. God has blessed the past 15 years here, but there is so much more to be done. There are millions of souls who need to hear the Gospel, hundreds of churches that need to be planted, and hundreds of pastors that need to be trained. There are many pieces of the puzzle to fulfill what we would like to accomplish for the Glory of God, and Base Camp Burkina is one of the biggest pieces in this need right now.

Base Camp Burkina will be the place we can have pastor's conferences, pastor's camp, youth camps, couple's retreats, woman's retreats, discipleship conferences, and the list goes on and on. The day that the thought "camp" just wasn't enough was because I saw the need to also move the Bible college to this land. Base Camp Burkina will open the doors in allowing us to climb to the Summit of what God wants us to do.

By God's grace we are beginning to build. This first building will eventually be dorm rooms, but it will be used in the next few months for our Bible college and a room for the students to sleep in. This will also give the church in this village a place to hold meetings. God has already provided for the cost of the land, the water source, and many other things, but we are still lacking around \$110,000 to get Base Camp Burkina up and running. There will be more expenses, but this will be the first step. We have seen offerings of \$40 up to \$5,000. Everything counts and will add up. Will you please pray that God meets the need? We will faithfully build as long as something is in the account.

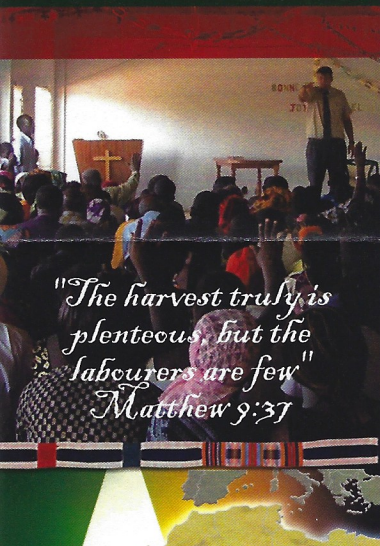
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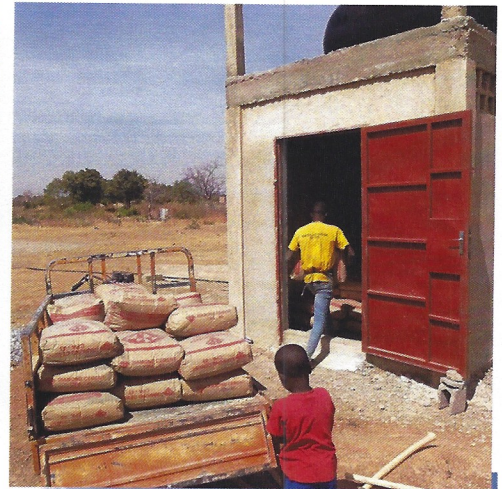
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Please mark that the check is for Keith Shumaker/Base Camp Burkina

Thanks so much for all you for Burkina Faso,
Keith, Rebecca, Emily, Meredith, Isaac and Caleb Shumaker





Thanks for your prayers. Many of the members have volunteered their time to help do as much as we can to make this dream a reality. God is good and we are excited about the future.

