

# The Shumakers

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

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The Apostle John said in 3 John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

This statement is very true for a father watching his children grow up and continue to serve the Lord. I am sure that this is true for any spiritual leader and his disciples, but, oh, how true that is for this missionary. I have been able to take three trips back to Burkina Faso since starting my Furlough. I am thrilled seeing how God is using these men of God (my sons in the faith). During these trips we have had pastor's conferences, mission's conferences, meetings, etc.

In December, Rebecca had the opportunity to travel back with me. One of the highlights of our trip was participating in the marriage of David and Natacha. Natacha came to our church in 2007 when she was 12. She has had a tough life. She lost both parents at a young age. She had to move from family to family. Some of the family members have treated her more like a servant than a daughter. We helped pay for her schooling. She graduated High School (very rare in Burkina Faso) and is currently studying to be a doctor. She has been such a wonderful Christian young lady for a long time now. David came in 2010 to our church. They both stayed faithful to God and pure until marriage. What a blessing watching God change their lives through the years, and now He put them together. Although they had so many obstacles in trying to get married, the smile on their faces showed the joy that they had in their hearts.



The church plant that we are currently serving in (Fundamental Baptist Church of Zagtoui) is doing great. We had a mission's conference with them in December. They are currently giving over \$100 a month to missions. That doesn't sound like a ton to many of you, but for this young church in Burkina Faso that is a lot. The men are really maturing. God has called five men in this church to preach the word of God. Three of those are currently in our Bible Training Center. The other two are still in High School. I have been motivating them and the rest of the church with the idea that we will begin trying to reach some neighborhoods and villages around us when we get back in September of this year. God has allowed us to buy 10 pieces of land around us to start churches on in the future.

We want to thank those who went over and above to send extra gifts at the end of the year and during the Christmas season. You blessed our family and enabled us to help some of the people laboring with us in Burkina during this time.

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

Right: Preaching in one of the new works in the village of Bavila.

Below: Bible College in Ouagadougou

