

# The Shumakers



Dear Pastor and praying friends,

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While on this furlough, I have taken a few trips back to Burkina Faso. We have held pastor's conferences and revivals, taught in the Bible College, met with various leaders in the ministry, overseen the BaseCamp Burkina construction and so much more. God continues to greatly bless the work in Burkina Faso. I am just as excited about the future possibilities as when we first got there. The thought of Jesus coming back soon is exciting as we are on the winning side. It is equally as exciting to work for Him in His harvest field until that time! We don't want to wait idly for him, but we want to see many more souls saved so they can go with us when He does come.



On one of my trips back in February, Bro. Mark Stroud and Bro. Matt Stephens went over with me. They were able to help with a pastor's conference in the morning and revival in the evenings. God blessed in tremendous ways. Bro. Stroud taught on shepherding your flock. Bro. Stephens taught on working as a team and Baptist distinctives. I told Bro. Stroud that there was one problem: the people were already asking when he would come back.

Terrorism has continued to be a great problem in the country of Burkina Faso. There are over 2,000,000 people that have had to leave their land and homes because of the situation. A few weeks back, terrorists came into an area where we have churches in two different villages. They gave them 72 hours to leave. The next day they came back and killed 8 people. Pastor Salif said that none of the members of our church were affected, but he knew the ones that were killed. The military came in and calmed the situation down for the time being. We had thought that those churches wouldn't meet that weekend, but they did. That same Sunday Pastor Salif wrote me and said that in the market town of Pissila where he has his main work, they had 102 Adults, 98 children, and 8 that were born again. Our faithful pastors and members have continued to be bold in their service to Christ despite the terrorism. The biggest problem is that the military will probably soon leave that area and the terrorists will most likely be back. Please pray for wisdom and for God's work to advance however He sees fit to make it happen.

We truly appreciate your prayers and faithful support. Thanks to the many that have given to help with ongoing building projects. We have been able to help build some church buildings, advance BaseCamp, and so much more.

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

Top—Bro. Stroud, Bro. Stephens and I in front of a new church building.

Bottom—Dorm rooms at Base Camp.

