

The Shumakers

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The new year has started with a bang here in Burkina Faso. We are thrilled with the constant growth in the Fundamental Baptist Church of Zagatouli (where I am pastoring) and also the ministry in general.

Since coming back last fall, we have been using Basecamp for many different outings. It is exciting to see our dream becoming a reality. In December, we had a "Who Will Go" Conference planned. Unfortunately, those who were supposed to come from America to preach didn't make it, but that didn't hinder us from having the conference. We quickly handed out the preaching assignments and hurried to get the first set of dorms as close to finished as we could. What a blessing to have over 150 people present to challenge them to take the Gospel to the world. We divided the youth into four different teams and had them compete against each other. A different puzzle piece was awarded to the winning team of each competition. In the end, all of the teams had to come together and combine their pieces to complete a puzzle. Sometimes we as Christians think we are competing against each other when actually, we have a common goal and serve the same Master.

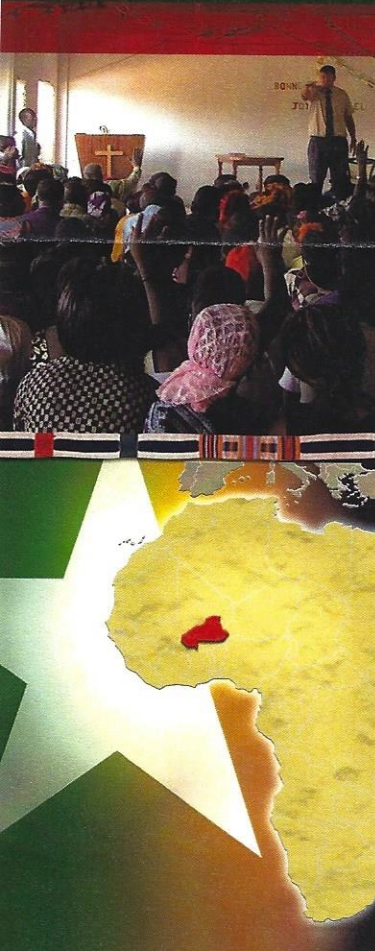
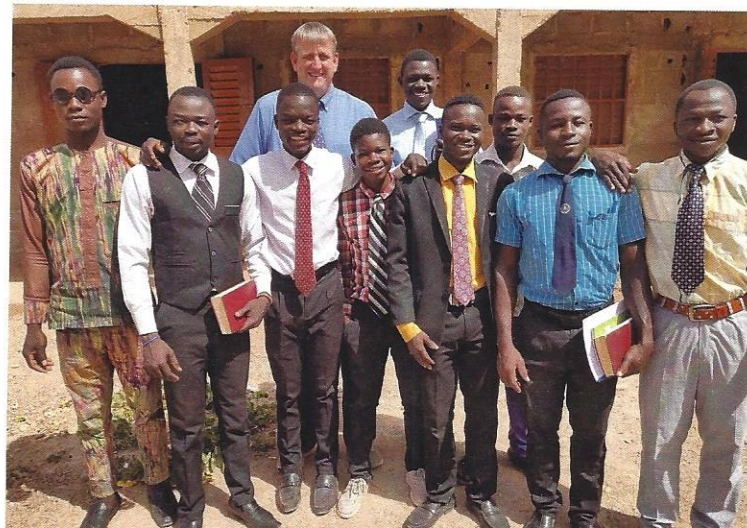
We moved our Bible college to Basecamp in January. This has made our time training the men and women that come more productive. Our church and other churches have had church outings there over the past few months. We had a pastor's conference in February with around 50 pastors or those training to be pastors present. Our churches joined together to have a women's conference on the property with around 120 in attendance.

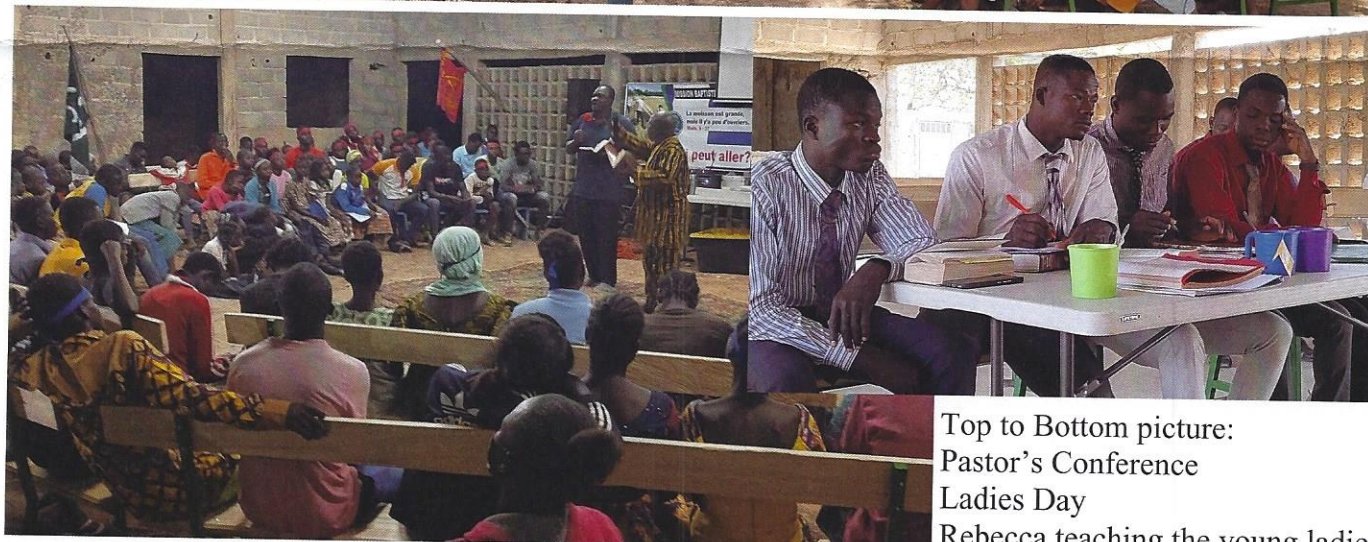
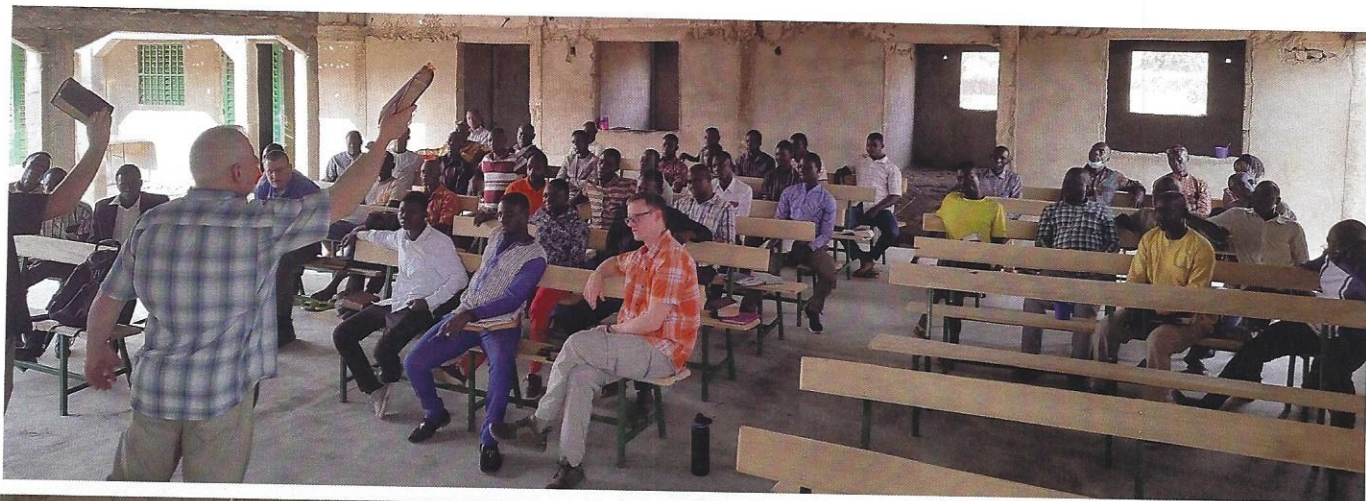
Even though we have made great progress in building Basecamp (thanks to your prayers and those who have given financially), we never got to finish phase one. We hope to complete that phase and the rest of what is needed so we can have youth camp on the land in August. With three important buildings left to build (girl's dorm, sanctuary, cafeteria/conference room), taxes to pay, and recreational areas (basketball court, soccer field, etc.) \$200,000 should finish out what we need before camp.

This sounds big, and it is. I am watching the Muslims go big. I am watching the charismatics go big. I am wanting the truth to go Big. We serve a Big God. This is an investment in souls being saved, lives being changed, men being trained, etc. There is no time to backup, backdown, be lackadaisical, quit or run away. The devil is fighting, and we want to see God move like never before. Please help us pray, and if God leads you to give, you can send a check to MWBM. Please, mark it Keith Shumaker/Basecamp. Thank you for all you have done. It is because of God using you that we can do what He allows us to do here.

His Servants,

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





Top to Bottom picture:
 Pastor's Conference
 Ladies Day
 Rebecca teaching the young ladies
 Who Will Go Conference
 Bible College Students
**All these were events held at
 BaseCamp in the past few months.**