

The Shumakers

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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Throughout the past few years, I have written a few times about Basecamp Burkina. The vision was to have a place where the ministry could continue to grow. Basecamp often refers to the camp at the bottom of the mountain where mountain climbers prepare for their ascent. That is exactly what we wanted Basecamp Burkina to be. We desire a place that allows us to climb as high as possible in the ministry in Burkina Faso. I haven't written an update about it for a few months now; so I decided to focus a little on it and show some of the activities that have taken place there this year.

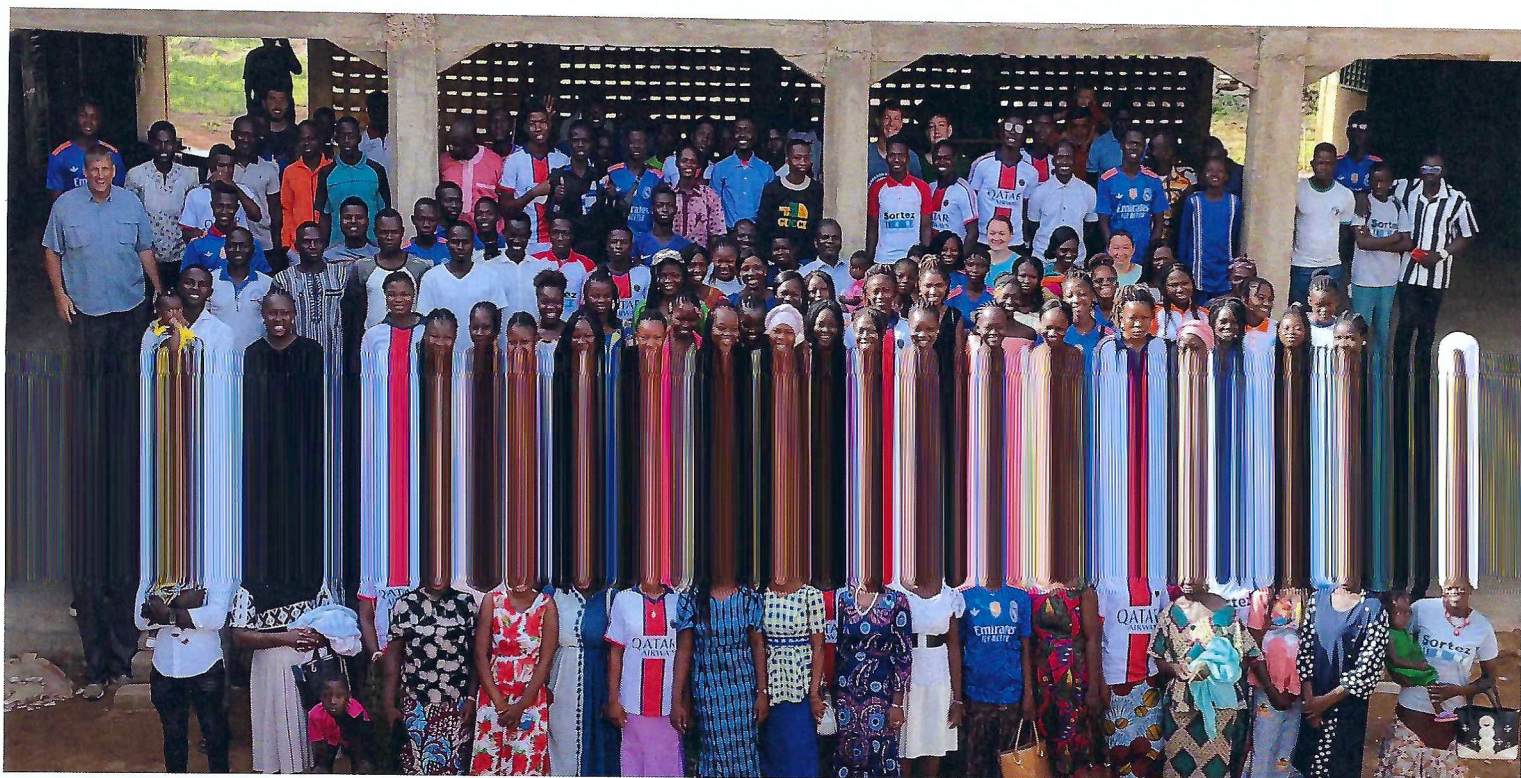
1. Pastor's Camp – We were able to have Pastor's Camp in July. This is a highlight of the year for many of the Pastors and their families. Due to a lack of means, families here don't normally go on vacations or do special outings. This year I invited a Mexican missionary to Ghana, Miguel Triano, to come preach for us. He is a great missionary, and he did a tremendous job challenging the pastors, their wives, and their children. The pastors' kids also had special teachings and lots of fun and games.
2. Camp – In August, we were able to have our camps. We have been wanting to divide out camp for years, but it was difficult because of not having our own place. Having our own facilities made this so much easier. We had a young adult camp and a teen camp. We had over 125 people present both weeks.
3. Bible College – We run Bible College all year round with the new school year starting in October. We praise the Lord for five new students this year. The Bible College is one of the main areas we want to focus on through Basecamp. We meet one week out of every month. The Basecamp property and set up allows us to be more involved and active in the training of the Bible college students. We have revivals, kid's clubs, evangelism campaigns in new villages, and so much more planned for this school year.
4. Pastor's Conferences – We have already had two Pastor's Conference at Basecamp this year, and we are having another one soon.
5. Ladies' meeting – Rebecca headed up a ladies' meeting with over 100 ladies present for a two-day conference.
6. Church outings – Our church and other churches have used Basecamp for special days and many overnight discipleship training sessions.
7. Pastor's Training – I have started meeting with around 15 pastors every 1-2 months for a time of prayer and church growth training. This has been great so far, and we are seeing the fruit of these two-day special training sessions.
8. A Church – A church has been started in the village of Nabitenga 2, and they currently meet on the Basecamp property.

This year and the beginning of next year we were burdened to get as much done as possible on the land. We made a push for \$200,000 earlier this year to build the main structures. By God's grace, \$54,292 has come in and been used to build. We are still praying for the rest to come in (around \$145,000) as we need to finish out one of the dormitories, build the main auditorium, and build an open-air structure to serve as a cafeteria and multipurpose building.

We cannot say thank you enough to all who have given towards this project. What we once could only dream of has become a reality, and God has far exceeded our expectations through your prayers and financial support. Thank you also for all you have done to support our family and ministry in any way. God has used His people to make what we are able to do here possible.

His Servants,

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



Top: Young Adult Camp - Left: Pastor's Conference
 Above: Ladies' meeting - Left: Bible College
 Below: Celebrating the kick off of the New Bible College year
 Bottom left: Invitation at Teen Camp
 Bottom Right: Churches working together to help build
 Base Camp Burkina

