

# The Shumakers

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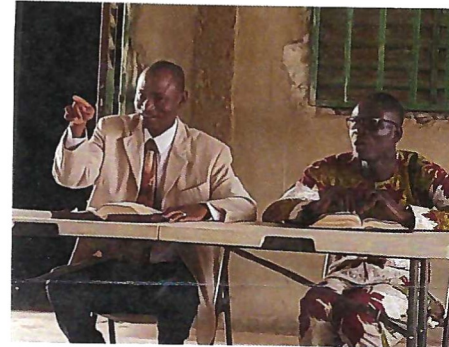
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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Our church theme for this year is "No Steps, No Stories." That is a phrase that Pastor Todd Bell uses quite often. God has used Bro. Bell in Maine to do some amazing things, and he often says, "No Steps, No Stories." I believe that can be the testimony of every missionary, pastor, or believer that God has ever used greatly. Truly, it has been the theme of our ministry since coming to Africa. We have dreamed big, taken steps of faith, and God has given us some great stories. Here is one of them:



We currently have two different Bible Colleges in the country of Burkina Faso. One is in French, and the other is in a tribal tongue called Moore. We have often thought about having a combined class with these two Bible Colleges but have never done it until this past January. The students from the North came down, and we had a combined Bible College week (over 25 students). It was like a camp where we had teaching, preaching, singing, praying, games, etc. The whole week was focused on purity. Purity of the Gospel and personal purity (separation) were touched all week. It was a blessed week and will be repeated every year from now on.

One of the young men that came in is named Adama. He led singing multiple times during the week and translated for us from French into Moore. I was so impressed with his zeal, leadership, and joy in serving the Lord. I have known Adama for over 12 years. Adama grew up in a very remote village. He moved to the town of Kaya to continue his education. In 2012, he met Pastor Konaté, heard the Gospel, and was gloriously born again. He was very active at the church throughout his teen years.

Around the age of 18 and 19, Adama began to hang around the wrong crowd. He still came to church, but there wasn't faithfulness and joy in his life. Even though he began to backslide, Pastor Konaté never lost his desire to see God use Adama's life. Finally, after many years of being lukewarm, he decided to dedicate his whole life to Christ, and he has been zealous ever since. He just got married to a young lady from his church, who is also in the Bible College. In the next few months, he will begin a new work in a city called Kosoromo. Since 2005, I have passed through Kosoromo going to Pissila and Kaya. I have often been greatly burdened while traveling through this town because of the need of a Bible preaching church. I often prayed that God would raise up a man for this town, and He has done that with Adama. I can't wait to see what God does with the zeal and passion that Adama has in this very needy town. He will begin the work in the next few months. We are looking at buying land in Kosoromo in the next few months. If you would like to help with the purchase of land in this area, we will need around \$8,000.

As always, we are so very grateful for your investment in this ministry. Your faithful support has helped young men like Adama come to Christ, grow in his faith, start a good Christian family, and dedicate his life to full time Christian service.

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

Picture above: Adama on the right with his Pastor  
Picture Below: Combined Bible College

