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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Terrorism in Burkina Faso has been a problem since 2019. During this period of time, eight of the pastors we have trained have been displaced with no fields to farm, no animals to raise, and no people in their villages. Praise God for them staying the course. In Burkina there is a saying, "When the egg gets cracked what do you do? The answer is simple: make an omelet."

While the times have been hard on many, God has continued to work. One of the displaced pastors, Bro. Julien, went to the Ivory Coast and started a church. I have written about him before. His church is growing and should be starting another work sometime this year. Another young man went to the South of Burkina so that his family could farm and live. What should a pastor do in a new area? He began witnessing, and God has started a church in this new area. What a thrill to be able to write to you and say that four of our churches that were closed because of the terrorism are now back open. Since our pastors were the first ones back to the villages when they opened again, members of other churches and even Muslims have been coming because they have nowhere to go. What an opportunity for these churches to reach many more with the gospel.

I am overjoyed with the faithfulness of pastors and church members during this very hard time. I praise God for them staying the course. They have had more salvation decisions and baptisms during this time than many times when there were no problems. God blesses in the hard times. He is like that!!!

We kicked off another year in our Bible colleges. We have almost 40 people studying in all our Bible colleges. Around 15 of those are training to pastor. Watching God save a young man from sin, transform his life and then call him into the ministry never gets old. We kicked off the new school year with a revival. It was a great time with the students and also the pastors that came in.

Please pray for a special need that we have. We need a concrete brick wall around the Basecamp property to protect both our property and campers and Bible college students staying on the land. We also have two churches that need a wall around their property. In total, we need 1,100 km of walls. That is almost 3/4 of a mile. For those who would be interested in giving towards one or more meters of the wall, each meter costs around \$100. Would you pray that God would help us

meet this great need? If God leads you to give, you can mark it Keith Shumaker Basecamp Wall. The churches in Burkina Faso have already given to complete 13 meters of the wall. This was a big sacrifice for many of them. We have also received enough for 25 meters of the wall from friends and churches. Only 1,062 left!!! The Lord is good.

Thank you also for your prayers and the special offerings. We are truly humbled by the graciousness of God's people.

His Servants,

Keith, Rebecca, Isaac and Caleb Shumaker

