

布吉納法索生命河靈糧堂

River of Life Christian Church in Burkina Faso

成立 Started: 2009 年 5月

地點 Location: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

主任牧師 Senior Pastor: Rev. KOLE Mathieu

分堂: 3間分堂

簡要介紹 Brief Introduction:

布吉納法索(Burkina Faso)是西非的內陸國家，位於撒哈拉沙漠的南緣，曾是法國殖民地，它於1960年獲得獨立，1984年採用了布吉納法索這個名字，意思是「廉潔人民的土地」。雖然布吉納法索在歷史上是西非的文明古國，如今卻是世界上識字率最低的國家，三分之二以上的人民住在鄉村裡，大部份的人口從事自給農業或畜牧業，艱難的經濟狀況，因嚴重的間歇性乾旱而變得更糟。貝南生命河靈糧堂的主任牧師 - Corneille牧師是一位熱心傳福音的牧者和宣教士，他希望將福音傳遍非洲說法語的國家。他與同工們齊心努力，要將福音的信息帶給鄰邦布吉納法索的百姓。經過Corneille牧師和團隊一年的努力，終於在2009年4月，從貝南前往布吉納法索的首都瓦加杜古(Ouagadougou)宣教和植堂，五月份的第一個主日開始聚會，新的分堂正式成立，成為生命河在布吉納法索的第一間分堂。負責該堂的Kole Mathieu牧師面對著向回教徒傳福音的阻擋，及回教徒信主後承受的壓迫，要能持守信心的不易，在這開拓福音的禾場中經歷重重的困

難。靠着神的恩典，該堂日見成長，目前已在不同的地點成立了3間分堂。請繼續為布吉納法索分堂的人數和靈命成長代禱。

Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in West Africa, located on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert, was a French colony. It gained independence in 1960 and adopted the name Burkina Faso in 1984, which means "the land of the honest people." It is historically an ancient civilization in West Africa, yet today it has the lowest literacy rate in the world. More than two-thirds of the people live in rural areas, and most of the population is engaged in subsistence agriculture or animal husbandry. The difficult economic situation is worsened by severe intermittent droughts.

Rev. Corneille of ROLCC in Benin is a pastor and missionary devoting himself to evangelism, and he hopes to spread the gospel to all French-speaking countries in Africa. To begin with, he and his coworkers wanted to bring the gospel message to the neighboring country, Burkina Faso. After a year of hard work, in April 2009 he took his coworkers from Benin to Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, and held the first Sunday worship in May of 2009, and the new church was formally established as first branch of ROLCC in Burkina Faso. Pastor Kole Mathieu, who is in charge of the church, faced obstacles from spreading the gospel to Muslims and the oppression that Muslims

endured after they became Christians. It is not easy to maintain faith and experience numerous difficulties in this field of pioneering the gospel. However, amidst the difficulties in opening the gospel field, by God's Grace, the church is growing day by day. Please continue to pray for the church to grow in numbers and for their spiritual growth.

代禱事項：

1. 求主用那托住萬有的手，來托住布吉納法索的教會，差派天使天軍保護在回教徒中傳福音者的腳踪。並求主祝福在BOBO DIOULASSO宣教的任務，願主保守加強和支持即將被派遣的傳教士。
2. 青少年特會中有多位回教徒接受耶穌，求主聖靈親自引導，讓教會在傳福音的事上越來越看見果效。並請為他們分堂接受耶穌的回教徒代禱，願聖靈親自工作，為未得之民歸信的進展大有能力。
3. 請為分堂建堂的需要代禱，需要先取得土地再蓋堂，教會的場地也需要修造圍牆保安，孤兒院新購土地也計劃擴建，求主供應他們一切所需。
4. 請為布吉納法索分堂代禱，求神保守教會，制止當地的居民騷擾及威脅他們，保護他們的禮拜場所。

5. 求神在基督中預備他們，帶領他們在主中成長，並求主喚起捐助者，幫助他們更好地在福傳領域前進。

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will support the church in Burkina Faso with the hand that supports all things, and send an angel army to protect the footsteps of the evangelists among the Muslims. Also ask the Lord to bless the mission in BOBO DIOULASSO. May the Lord protect and strengthen and support the missionaries who are about to be dispatched.
2. In the youth conference, many Muslims accepted Jesus, praying that the Lord's Holy Spirit personally guide each of them so that the church would see more and more results in evangelism. And please intercede for the Muslims who accept Jesus, may the work of the Holy Spirit be powerful for the progress of the conversion of the unreached.
3. Please pray for the need to build a branch church. They need to obtain land before building the church. The church site also needs to build a fence for security. The newly purchased land of the orphanage is also planned to be expanded. Ask the Lord to provide them with all their needs.
4. Please pray for the branch church in Burkina Faso, ask God to protect the church, stop local residents

from harassing and threatening them, and protect their places of worship.

5. Pray that God will prepare them in Christ, lead them to grow in the Lord, and ask the Lord to call up donors to help them better advance in the field of evangelization.