

# The Shumakers

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Dear Pastor,

My name is Keith Shumaker. I have been a missionary in West Africa since 2002. I arrived in Burkina Faso in 2005. God has greatly blessed the ministry in Burkina Faso over the last few years. We have been privileged to plant/start eight churches. I am also the African field director of Macedonia World Baptist Missions.

I highly recommend Stephen Knickerbocker to your church for support. Here are the reasons why:

- Bro. Stephen is a young man of character, hard work and determination. He loves the Lord deeply and wants the God of Heaven to use his life. I met Stephen in 2001 while he was a teenager growing up on the mission field. He did a summer internship with me here in Burkina Faso a few years back. God used him greatly during this time. He showed a great love for the people and proved to be a capable teacher, preacher and example to our people. I know that he has what it takes to be a successful missionary on the field.
- Bro. Stephen is well prepared. He grew up on the mission field and already knows the language. He is a true bi-lingual already. He speaks English and French perfectly. Because his family where missionaries in France, he has learned valuable tools that aren't learned in a classroom but on the field.
- The need in Burkina Faso is great. Burkina is a very religious country. I doubt there are many if any atheists. While starting a church in a small town a few months back, I was shocked by what we discovered. There was a team of pastors evangelizing this town. Only one young man found somebody that he felt was truly saved. Nobody else could tell us how they had been saved even a pastor. It broke my heart to be reminded about the great need to get the Gospel to as many people as possible before it is too late.
- I simply need help. The work is growing. The need is great. I already have too many irons in the fire. Stephen and his wife could really be used today in the ministry. Would you please consider supporting them so that they can get here as soon as possible?

His Servant,

Keith Shumaker

