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GOD IS SO FAITHFUL IN 2015!

Read Lynn's end-of-year report and with us, praise our faithful God!

Our new website is being remodeled and will be available at shatteringdarkness.com Look for it soon! Until then you can still find us at shatteringdarkness.org Check out our new logo above!

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Lighthouse children read and write



Lighthouse Children provided daily lunch



Kid's Kamp x 2



Tug-o-War in any language



46 People Line up for Baptism on Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve Baptisms!

Greetings to you in the Precious and Powerful Name of our Lord Jesus! We, the Board of Directors for Shattering Darkness Ministries, want to thank you for your continued prayers for us and all Shattering Darkness team members, here in the U.S. and also serving the Lord in Burkina Faso and Ghana.

In 2015 our Lord was Faithful as always in the U.S. and in West Africa.

- More than 131 adults came to know Jesus.
- One hundred forty-four (144) children and youth came to know Christ as Savior.
- Nearly one hundred (100) of these professions were the result of a first-ever KIDS KAMP.
- One hundred and four (104) are in pre-baptism classes.
- One hundred and one (101) professed their faith publically in believers' baptism.
- Two new Preaching Points have been established in 2 different regions. We have a weekly prayer meeting in Lopkoja and also Gagnou.
- Thirty-nine (39) burned and destroyed their false idols!
- Six (6) couples had church wedding ceremonies and more are programmed during 2016.
- Pastor Pascal and his wife Mado are finishing up their second year of Bible School. Mado is the FIRST woman to be biblically trained at the Baptist Bible School located outside the capitol city of Ouagadougou.
- Twenty-five (25) babies have been dedicated to our Lord.
- Women's Literacy continues in the village of Kamkaniba.
- Celine, Victor and Christien are now certified teachers at the Lighthouse while Bernard is in his first year of teacher training in Ouagadougou.
- October 2015, 41 additional students were enrolled in the Lighthouse, the first (only) evangelical primary school in the SW of Burkina Faso.
- Many of the women in our local churches have formed 'activity' groups in order to raise money for their activities. Some are making soap and others donuts. Still others are making skin cream and raising animals.
- Our Pastor Training Institute (PTI) opened in February 2015. The dorms have been built and furnished as well as showers, potties and kitchen; DEBT FREE! There are currently fourteen (14) men being trained and/or skills and knowledge enhanced.
- Thanks to our Lord and a generous gift, we continue adding to our incredible Pastor Research Library.
- A dream is in the midst of becoming reality. A ministry partner and friend has been used by our Lord to gift us with the funds to build a Ministry/Pastor Conference/Training Center! For those of you who received our SD Prayer Calendar, you will find this as a prayer request the month of February!!!! Our Lord has written "It is Finished" to our request for the funding!
- We have also been blessed with the ability to completely furnish our Ministry Center offices as well as a 'Welcome' area.
- We continue our orphan and teens-at-risk ministries in partnership with HeartCry Ministries from New Hope Baptist in Fayetteville, Ga.
- God has kept us protected from Ebola and kept us out of harms way during the political uprising and recent election.
- More than 1,100 children, via our FeedHisChildren outreach are being fed each Sunday in our various churches.
- Hundreds heard the Gospel in a clear and understandable way for the first time this year.
- Our website re-vamp is almost complete. We will let you know when you can see the brand new format and updated information. Kudos to Br. Rey from FBCOrlando for the incredible work he is doing to re-design the website and create a new Logo. Some incredible videos are posted on our website, via u-tube. Specifically

"Shattering Darkness Panorama" and "The Least of These".

- We are ready to begin Phase I of our S.E.E.D. Project. (Sustainable-Educational-Elevage-Development) Phase 1 entails clearing the land, hauling in topsoil, digging and planting one hundred (100) mango trees. Additional Phases include gardening, and raising goats, sheep and cattle.
- We welcome Pastor Russ from FBC Princeton Kentucky to our Board of Directors.
- My time stateside allowed the visiting of family and friends. It also allowed much travel, forming new partnerships, friendships and ministry opportunities. I was gifted with a 10 day all expenses paid vacation to HAWAII with two of my dearest friends.
- Although the uncertainty of Ebola, the political unrest and changing government attitude about Medical Teams approvals kept us from hosting Impact Teams in 2015 we have numerous teams and people ready and waiting for us to give the 'Green' light to once again join alongside us in ministry during 2016.
- I am sure I am forgetting many 'somethings' but our Lord has orchestrated it all and has seen every gift, heard every prayer, dried every tear.

Please join with us as we Praise and Thank our INCREDIBLE LORD AND SAVIOR! If you are reading this account of the miracles of 2015 yet are not a partner with our Lord via Shattering Darkness, we are asking that you pray about making Shattering Darkness Ministries "your" ministry and share it with others. We are asking that you "Make room for us in your heart" (2 Cor 7:2a NASV).

If you are reading this and you are a partner with our Lord via Shattering Darkness, please realize that your prayers, your service, your trust and your gifts were used by our Glorious Lord to impact eternity! Please guard us in your heart. Please continue to allow us the privilege of being partners with you in ministry!

"Because Time is too short. Because People are too lost. Because Hell is too real."

Hidden in the One Shattering Darkness,
SD Ministry Team

Isaiah 9:2 NASV "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them." Amen! And Amen! And Amen!

If you have enjoyed and been touched by our e-newsletters we have a favor to ask. Please pass along the newsletter to friends and co-workers. We are attempting to expand our contact base and each of you reading this month's edition know many people we never meet this side of heaven. To receive this bi-monthly e-newsletter simply send your email address to : nbkort@gmail.com

FOR OUR PRAYERS

1. Please pray for Amy Riddering, the widow of the missionary killed in Burkina in the recent terrorist attack. Pray that our Lord will enfold her, instruct her and provide for her and the children. Amy and her husband Mike adopted 2 Burkina children. They were the head of Sheltering Wings, an orphanage and a school in a village many hours from Ouagadougou. Mike was in Ouaga to meet an Impact Team coming to help at the orphanage.
2. As of the writing of this, Dr. Ken Elliott and his wife Jocelyn are still missing. They were abducted forcibly from their home by militants of the same Al Qaida group that killed and injured so many in Ouaga. The Elliots live many hours from the capitol so the attacks are no longer only in large cities.
3. Shattering Darkness had already designated 2016 as the year of evangelism. Our women are being trained and groups formed to "go into all the world". Some will go on foot, others on bicycles and still others with me, Patrice is also forming groups of leaders and members to do the same. Romans 10 - if not those who know Christ take His Good News and His invitation to the lost, then who?
4. Please pray for Germain and Franceline. These are two young women from two of our churches preparing for marriage. They are both living with me until their marriages, March and April respectively. In the Dagara "before Jesus" days they would have moved directly into the fiancé's house. Now in our "with Jesus" days, the young woman would normally live with the home church pastor and his family. I volunteered to house these two. We covet your prayers in these days. More than ever, thank you! GOD WINS !

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