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HOW MUCH CAN OUR GOD DO?!!

Every year holds anticipation and challenges. All of us have goals and plans for what we want to accomplish in a year. I'll bet you've looked back on some years and have been blown away at what actually happened.

Read below what God has done and continues to do in Burkina Faso. He uses you who pray, encourage, give and work beside us to accomplish His plan. And it comes to us abundantly more than we could ask or imagine! And He's got more in store for us!! Praise His Holy Name!



New PTI dorms under construction



3 new classrooms for the Lighthouse



The Marriage Bus



Greetings to you, our family, friends and partners in ministry 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, in the U.S. and also serving the Lord in Burkina Faso and Ghana.

At the end of this letter you will see certain statistics. They are always exciting as long as we remember numbers represent people. This year we would like to share some exciting ministry happenings.

In 2002 Impact Teams from FBC Clermont, FL and FBC Orlando, FL came and served alongside us. Both churches had made generous contributions in the production of the Jesus film and providing the needed equipment. As only our Lord is able, their visit here coincided with the receipt and initial showings of the film. One of the villages, Gagnou, was not receptive. We had prayer walked, weekly taught the Bible, prayed...yet after many months, we made the difficult decision to move on. FAST FORWARD 2016. We now have a church plant in the village of Gagnou! A handful of people in late 2015 began walking and riding bicycles the 5 miles to our nearest church. Then Pastor Claude began going weekly to lead in prayer. Then the local folks constructed a thatched meeting place. All of our Shattering Darkness local churches have been taking up offerings specifically to enable the construction of a brick House of Prayer in Gagnou. Please join us in praying this will become a reality in 2017.

The only "official" marriage recognized by the government in Burkina Faso is the civil ceremony performed at the Mayor's Office. Without this, women and children have no protection in the event of the death of the husband/father. Family members of the deceased will take all of the belongings and land and leave the widow and children with nothing. In December of this year, 19 of our Senior Pastors and key leaders had a joint civil ceremony! It was such a witness to all.

The year 2016 also birthed our Pastor/Leader Prep School. We have men sensing a call to vocational ministry but without the French skills necessary to attend our Pastor Training Institute (PTI). Thus, we saw the need for an accelerated learning program to be offered. Ten men from various villages have enrolled. By the end of the third year they will be ready to enroll in our PTI. Their teacher, Thomas, is a Muslim convert! He is a joy to watch, worship with, and talk with. He cancelled class for 3 days a few weeks ago so that he and the students could participate in our 3 days of Prayer and Fasting!

Build. Build. Build. Additional Dorms are needed in order to house our increase in PTI students. Our Lighthouse Evangelical Christian School now has grades 1-3 filled to capacity and we are building classrooms for grades 4-6. Let me pause to brag a little ...our Aqwi is a second grader at the Lighthouse. After semester finals, he is ranked 2nd in class and loves school. Our "adopted" no-longer-an-orphan, Joy, is a third grader at the Lighthouse. She also ranked 2nd in class. Many of you reading this year end letter are sponsoring some of our Lighthouse students and words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation. You are changing lives for eternity.

Now, take a deep breath and enjoy the following recap. In 2016 our Lord was Faithful as always in the U.S. and in West Africa.

- More than 169 adults came to know Jesus.
- Four hundred and thirty-two children attended Ellie Kate's Burkina Kids Kamp.
- Sixty two (62) professed their faith publicly in believers' baptism. We are following up on all who attended, continuing to water the seeds that were planted and trusting our Lord for HIS harvest.
- Additional preaching points were established in the village of V-2 and Gnignime.
- As stated above, the preaching point of Gagnou is now a church plant.
- Twelve (12) burned and destroyed their false idols!
- Nineteen couples (19) had Civil Marriage Ceremony followed by four (4) couples

- celebrating re-affirmation of marriage vows at the church in Kpakpara.
- Pastor Pascal and his wife Mado are finishing up their third 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.
 - 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 final year of teacher training. He will be one of our teachers in October 2017.
 - October 2016, 45 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, all DEBT FREE! There are currently nineteen (19) men being trained. May 2017 will see our first graduation ceremony for 10 men!
 - Thanks to our Lord and a generous gift, we continue adding to our incredible Pastor Research Library. Teachers that come to teach classes tell us it is the best stocked Biblical library in Burkina! To God be the Glory.
 - 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.
 - More than 1,200 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.
 - We have begun Phase 1 of our S.E.E.D. Project (Sustainable-Educational-Elevage-Development). Phase 1 entails clearing the land, hauling in topsoil, digging and planting two hundred mango trees. Additional phases include gardening, and raising goats, sheep and cattle.
 - A sweet couple, having many challenges of their own in 2015/2016, gifted us with the funds to purchase an 8 passenger car. This was much needed and a huge blessing.

I am sure I am forgetting many "somethings" but our Lord has orchestrated it all and has seen every gift, heard every prayer, and 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 2016 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 Corinthians 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 PRAISE/PRAYERS

FOR OUR PRAISE: Praise God for His faithfulness, as you can see above. Praise God that He will use His people to accomplish His plan!

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Please pray for our Shattering Darkness team. Pray we would have wisdom, discernment, stamina and safety for each of us. Continue to pray for the health of the Burkina brothers and sisters as they stand for God. Please pray for the Board of Directors and others from the U.S. going to Burkina for the May graduation ceremony of the first class of the Pastor Training Institute.

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