

# **A Call to Prayer**

**Burkina Faso, Operation 15**

**Target City: Bobo-Dioulasso**

**Subdivision: Belleville**

**July 13 – Sept. 13, 2010**

**Team: Pastor Moïse and his wife, Tiekpele**



“...Tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character, and character, hope...”

**Romans 5:3-4**

Snails are considered a delicacy here in West Africa. We see them for sale in the open market or along the street. We see them in our plants outside. Snails are not known for their speed.

How slow does a snail go? One study clocked a snail at 0.00758 miles per hour, or 40 feet in one hour. No wonder we use the phrase *moving at a snail's pace* to mean “slow”.

Although a snail does move at a “sluggish” pace, one virtue it does possess is perseverance. The great 19<sup>th</sup>-century preacher Charles Spurgeon wryly observed, “By perseverance the snail reached the ark.”

It is not about how fast the work in Burkina Faso is developing, but that it is developing qualities like perseverance, character and hope even in the face of tribulation. That is what excites us most. We ask you also to exercise these qualities as you pray with us for people

to see the truth, to be receptive to HIS word and then to grow in their understanding of HIM. There are times that we feel like the new church in Burkina is moving at a snail's pace, but we ask you to help us stay focused by praying with perseverance and hope! This will be the first time that an evangelist from Cote d'Ivoire will be staying in Burkina for a full two months, with his wife as well to help him. This work is going to need persons who are willing to persevere over the long haul to help new believers develop character and hope as followers of Christ.

**Prayer Requests:**

- ❖ **Adjustment to life in Burkina Faso for Pastor Moïse and his wife.**
- ❖ **Quality time to teach new believers the basics of Christian living.**
- ❖ **New believers as they face trials from family and friends.**
- ❖ **Safe travel for Pastor Moïse and wife.**
- ❖ **Connection with new receptive persons.**

New Believers in Cellgroup



Pastor Moïse



Children in the neighborhood



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