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## Restoring dignity smoothing sorrows

During his earthly ministry, Jesus put an emphasis on restoring people who were cast down and smoothing their sorrows by healing and showing compassion.

We, in African countries are living in a time when many people are losing their dignity because of the AIDs epidemic—widows are left behind and orphans are living in deep sorrow.

As Christians, it is vital to share love with them and help them have a sense of hope in their lives.

This is what ACTS ministry is endeavoring to do with widows, orphans and many children in difficult situations.

### How your gifts helped

**A new bicycle.** During the month of May, ACTS ministry was able to purchase a bicycle for a young boy. John-Peter was walking 15 kms everyday back and forth to attend his first year of secondary school.

The pastor of the village prayed and gave the new bicycle to John-Peter (see photo) The pastor was thankful to God for your provision.

John-Peter sends his thanks for the bicycle that makes the trip to and from secondary school much easier.



**Income Generation.** ACTS ministry in Burkina Faso is caring for 12 orphans and 9 widows in the village of Saonré. We are teaching them how to raise chickens for food. They have found a market for the extra eggs and meat to provide income for other necessities.

**Medicine found.** The group of children and young people showed on the photo below have received help from ACTS. In this group a 16-year-old girl named Evelyn is an epileptic. (She is seated on the bench, the second from the left.) We found medicine for her condition and have begun treatments.

**Basic food provision.** Another group of 5 orphans whose mom and dad died of AIDs are being taken care of by their grandmother. We heard they were eating only once a day. Because of your help we were able to provide 100 kg of corn for this family.

**Malarial medicine.** May began the season for rain in Burkina, so the danger of contracting malaria grew. Your gifts helped us to obtain medicine for all to take the required daily doses of malaria medicine.

**We need your prayers.** These actions are only a small beginning because the needs are very great.



We would appreciate your prayers on our behalf. We need strength to be available at the right time to give aid and comfort to the widows and orphans. Please pray for the Lord to bring along side the right people to help in this ministry. We need individuals who will be willing to share the love of Christ that will smooth sorrows and restore dignity to the poor.

### Prayer Requests

1. ACTS ministry needs a well to provide water to grow vegetables for widows to eat and sell.
2. Men and women willing to sponsor orphans and provide the money for school fees, medicines and clothing.
3. Means to have a building to provide living quarters for homeless widows.
4. Sufficient finances to serve lunch to widows who attend daily instructions.

Thank you very much for helping us bring love and hope to widows and orphans in Burkina Faso.

God bless you.

  
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