



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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You can transform lives

Rakiéta Ouédraogo was one of the first orphans taken to the ACTS Hope Center when the orphanage opened in 2005.



Rakiéta Ouédraogo in her classroom at College Ezra

She is now a student at the ACTS secondary school, College Ezra. Rakiéta wrote a letter to ACTS Executive Director Joanna Ilboudo:

“Dear Mom, I am writing this note to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity that has been given to me to study.

I am privileged to have a place to sleep and food to eat. You have helped me in a meaningful ways.

In return, I promise to do all I can to succeed in my studies.

“Thank you very much for all you are doing for us. May the Lord give you long life as you continue work for ACTS.”

There are many more students, like Rakiéta, who desire to attend College Ezra, but are unable to do so. Even the affordable fees at College Ezra are too much for rural families.

To enable young people to attend secondary school, ACTS is looking for 20 donors who would like to give monthly gifts of \$100 towards the cost of school for older students.

Your commitment would make school possible for a student eager to attend. There is no other secondary school in the district for village children. In Burkina Faso school is not compulsory, but the students who attend College Ezra have a desire to study and excel in academics.



Roger Nikiéma is truly an entrepreneur. He launched his own carpentry shop without outside financial assistance

“My name is Roger Nikiéma; I am orphan living at the ACTS Hope Center.

ACTS gave me the opportunity to be trained in carpentry. At the end of my training, I was chosen for an internship with a carpenter in the capital city of Ouagadougou.

At the end of 2009 I was able to launch my own carpentry business. I will be ever

grateful to ACTS for giving me this good opportunity. You took me from the streets, gave me life skills, spiritual knowledge and encouragement.

I have no doubts about my future. I have the skills and knowledge necessary to start a family and have success.”

These are but two of the many testimonies of the lives you have touched. These are living testimonies that give glory to our Father in Heaven.

Orphans are given hope because you responded to their heart cries. It was because you gave financially and prayerfully, that the lives of Roger and Rakiéta were forever transformed.

The Lord responds to the cries of the poor



Now at the ACTS Center, Wendingoudi is lovingly cared for by a widow by the name of Justine

The newest addition to our orphanage is a little baby boy. His father died while his mother was pregnant. After the baby was born, the mother was destitute. She had other children who were starving and did not know what to do. She threw the baby in the dump. She could not bear to see the child suffer because of want.

The little boy was found and brought to the ACTS Hope Center orphanage. He is now

about 7 months old and healthy considering his difficult start in life. At ACTS he is being cared for with love. His name, Wendingoudi, in English means “God, My Caring Shepherd.”

I am reminded about the story of Hagar in Genesis 21:15-16, and how desperate she was when she took little Ishmael into the desert. She walked away from the child because she couldn’t endure watching the boy die. But the Lord told her that he would live and not die.

Genesis 21:20 says that God was with the boy as he grew up. In the same way, God watched over little Wendingoudi and gave him to ACTS orphanage. There he will grow up knowing his namesake and how much he is loved by God.

Bringing children out of darkness

In this newsletter you’ve read about children whose lives have been forever changed by the loving staff of ACTS Ministry in Burkina Faso.

On the ACTS website you can read more about the work of ACTS in Burkina Faso. www.acts-burkina.org

Joanna, Sharyl and the 95+ staff members pledge to be faithful in ACTS’ work to bring the Lord’s transforming presence into the lives of rural poor children.

Whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Proverbs 14:31

Yours very sincerely,

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