



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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Message from Joanna: Gratitude to our Heavenly Father!

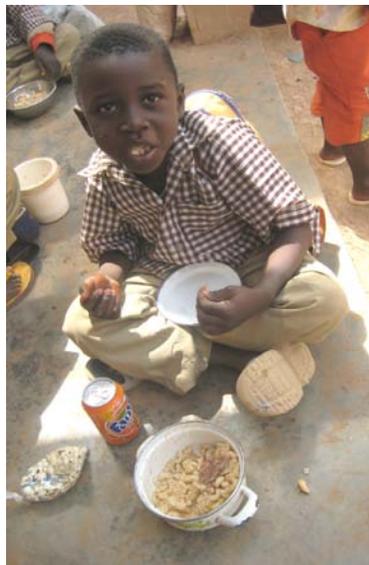
Preparing documents for our annual report caused me to reflect on this past year and events that shaped my life and the ministry of ACTS. The lyrics of the song, **“My Hope is Jesus,”** came up from my spirit and kept running through my head.

*“Some hope in chariots, some hope in wealth
My hope is Jesus and nothing else...”*

*Some hope in armies and the strength of men
My hope is Jesus who calls me friend;
He bears me up if I should fall...*

*What help will he not give, the Son of God
through whom I live!”*

This is a time when many people in Burkina Faso are finding it difficult to find food for their families. With the flooding last fall, many of the farmers in our area lost their crops that were in the fields. Being subsistence farmers, what they harvest is what they eat and sell for their livelihood for the next year.



Children ate a special meal with macaroni with meat, treats and pop at a Christmas celebration

Our hope is in Jesus

Yet, our hope in Jesus enables us day to day to feed

the orphans at the ACTS Center. Our trust in Jesus enables us to feed more than 300 children in our Ecole Solidarity primary school and the 78 students at the secondary school, College Ezra.

Food for the orphans

Just a couple of nights ago, we received a large shipment of vitamin enriched meal packets from Heaven Sent Ministries to feed the children. This shipment will provide more than 110,000 meals for hungry children! This gives us a reason to praise God and express our gratitude to Him for his faithful provision.



Vitamin enriched prepackaged meals from Heaven Sent Ministries arrived to feed the orphans

Lord protects the children

It is the same hope that gives protection to all the children in the midst of epidemic diseases such as meningitis and measles. Though other children in our area caught these life-threatening diseases, none of ours did.

We are also thankful to God the vaccines which were brought from the US with a mission team from Los Angeles. The orphans staying at the Hope Center received vaccinations that will give them protection until July 2010.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to God, Our Heavenly Father who by various means enables us to carry out the work. Though we sometimes face rough times, the Lord continues to be faithful and true to His Word. He cares for orphans and the poor and shows himself strong on their behalf.



From the youngest to the oldest, the children at the ACTS Center enjoyed the Christmas celebration. You can read about the Christmas celebration on the ACTS website. Click on English and follow the links on the home page.

By His grace, and with the help of friends from Ohio, we celebrated Christmas for all the children.

Football tournament



Prizes and medals were awarded to the 8 teams who participated in the games

By the same grace we were able to receive a team from Bournemouth in UK who, among other things, organized a football tournament for the children in the community. This gave the orphans at the ACTS Center an opportunity to meet other kids from other schools.



Sakwendé team took first place among the 8 teams Though our kids did not win the cup, the tournament allowed ACTS to share the spirit of solidarity with all children in our rural area.



The best player of the day with Peter Kegg of Bournemouth and the Mayor of Komsilga

The Lord is my strength and song

The Bible says “Many are the trials of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of every one.” I can attest to this truth of scripture.

The Lord is my strength and my song. ACTS is on the front lines of battle for the souls of children and women in Burkina Faso. Yet I am victorious over all the wiles of the enemy. I know the work I have received from the Lord and I trust he will give me strength to the finish.

Thank you very much to all for praying and bring your support faithfully to ACTS to continue to bring love and hope to the poor and vulnerable ones in rural areas.

May the Lord continue to bless and reward you each one according to his word!

Yours very sincerely,

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See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Isaiah 12:2

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