



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina Feb 2011

**“Those who give to the poor will lack nothing.”
Proverbs 28:27**

You can sponsor an orphan. It takes but \$40 a month to sponsor an orphan at the ACTS Hope Orphanage. Sponsorship provides a safe place to live, education, medical care and nutritional meals for a child.

You can sponsor a child like Abdou.

Abdou’s story



Abdou walked into the Center with rags for clothes so a visiting mission team from California put their smallest t-shirt on him and took this photo.

Those who have been to Burkina on short-term mission assignments will remember one little orphan called Abdou. He always felt it his duty to greet visitors. He has an appealing smile and laugh.

When he first came to the Center this little toddler

walked out from the bush on his own. His family could no longer care for him and the Lord led him to the Center. He was much too young to be walking such a distance every day.

ACTS staff followed him when he left the Center one day and found that he was an orphan living with relatives who could no longer take care of him. Soon thereafter he was legally given to ACTS Hope Orphanage. He has been a delight and the Lord’s hand is upon him. He is easy to love.

One teacher at our primary school said: “Abdou is among the six top of his class this year. His attitude has changed and he understands what school is about. He does not hang around playing, rather when he has a little time he will look for a place to do his homework.”



Abdou creatively made drums out of empty cans.

Joanna says, “I was pleased and encouraged to hear these words. Abdou came to Hope Center at the age of three and now he is a bit over six years.

“Not only is he seeking to work hard at school, but he is also interested in music. His favourite musical instrument is the drum. Once, at home with my family, he created a set of drums out of cans.

I was touched by this initiative and the next day, I bought him a drum which he is still using. The young man who teaches music to the children said: ‘This child has the beat of drums in his blood; he knows how to follow the rhythm.’”

Joanna thanks you for your compassion

On behalf of all the ACTS staff I would like to express our deep gratitude to you. Your gifts and prayers sustain our ministry. Your gifts transform lives.

The Bible says that there is joy in heaven when one person gives his life to the Lord. Through the ACTS Ministry programs, transformation is not physical or intellectual only, it is also spiritual.



Abdou and his new drum

Five ideas to raise awareness of our work

ACTS is in need of funds to sustain our programs and is seeking new donors. The ACTS staff and I came up with some ways you can help make our ministry known and help us financially.

1. **Cake sale:** Bake some treats and have a cake sale in your local area or, if you work, at your office. Send the proceeds to ACTS.
2. **Church collection:** If you are a pastor or church leader? Ask your church to donate a special offering for the poor in Burkina Faso. We have information about Burkina and ACTS and presentations ready for you to use.
3. **Movie night:** Hold a movie night in the comfort of your own home. Choose either a newly released

film or a classic, make some popcorn and charge friends to join you. Let them know the funds will help the orphans in Burkina Faso.

4. **Hold a contest:** Taken from a popular TV program in the UK. Hold a dinner party competition. This can be great fun! Gather together four or five friends and take turns to host the “perfect” dinner party. Ask friends for donations to enter the competition.

5. **Sporting event:** Running, swimming, cycling, etc. Organize a sporting event in your local area and invite your neighbours. It is a way to introduce them to ACTS Ministry and have fun at the same time.

Thank you very much for considering this in prayer. Let us know what you decide to do and please take photos. We would love to have them. We will put them on our website for all to see.

ACTS would be happy to assist you. Contact us for brochures, PowerPoints and videos you can use to make our work known.

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Prayer and praise the Lord for...

- Salvation of orphans and adults
- Wisdom for ACTS’ staff
- Food for orphans
- The Lord is our Provider and we thank him for prompting donors to give to the poor

We believe in the power of prayer. Your prayers make a real difference in the lives of widows and orphans.

Thank you for being our partner,

Joanna Ilboudo *Sharyl J. Sieh*
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