



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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This is the LORD's doing, and it is wonderful to see. This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:23-24

More than 330 students, from preschool to secondary school, attend ACTS schools. On July 15, the school year closed with a ceremony that included village leaders, ACTS' staff, students and a few relatives.



The spiritual, moral and academic growth of students confirms ACTS' vision for students—to train children to be intelligent, strong, upright leaders in the community.

Read the testimonies of students. Rejoice with us in their academic achievements!

Simon Kabroré, a 20 year old graduate

“I can't believe it has been just three years since I first came to the ACTS Center. With ACTS help I succeeded to my exams and then ACTS made it possible for me to attend another school for further studies. By the grace of God I am the first orphan to earn a diploma in business administration.”

“I am grateful for what ACTS has done for me. I pray that ACTS will continue to give other orphans like me a secure future.”



Simon Kabroré



Florence Nikiéma

Florence Nikiéma, a 16 year old student

“Six years ago I came to the Center to learn how to sew but when the primary school was opened I was placed in the final year of primary school. By God's grace I passed my exams and went to secondary school. Next year I will be my last year at the secondary school.”

“I am so very happy and thankful to God. Before I came to the ACTS Center, I had nothing. I felt like my life was over and could not see beyond the hunger and lack.”

“ACTS gave me everything. It was here that I found salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. I do not have words to express my joy and gratitude to ACTS because I have complete care at Hope Center.”

You make the difference

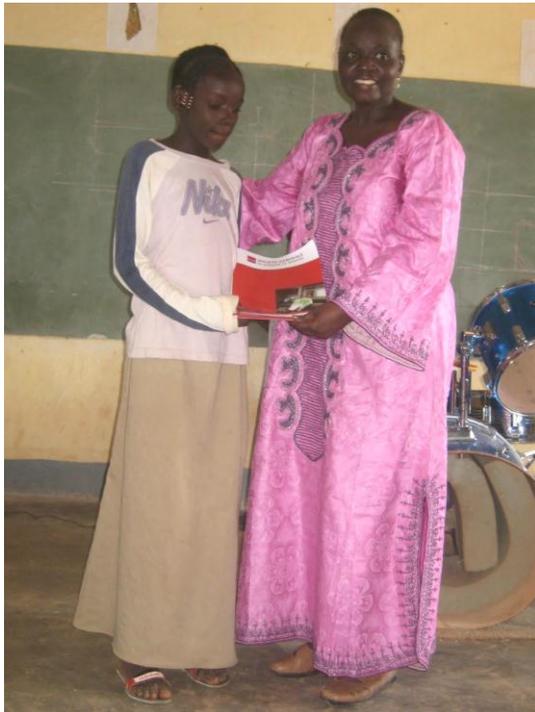
I was contemplating whether to reduce the number of students and teachers at our schools and evaluating the cost per student for food, clothing, medical care and tuition. Two days before the end of school I decided to interview individual students to see how they felt about their own lives.

Each one confirmed that they wouldn't be able to attend school outside the ACTS Center. Some have relatives who abuse them. In their own way, each said they could never go back to a life of hopelessness. ACTS had transformed their lives. And the process was on-going.

As the children spoke to me, they shared stories of their past and how ACTS has changed even the

way they think about life. Young girls and boys shared their vision to help other children find freedom from poverty and ignorance.

This transformation comes with your partnership in prayer and giving. We are grateful for all you have done. Children who were once forgotten and left orphan, like Didier, Mariam, Jocelyn, Aliou, Joseph and Bob, know they have worth in God's eyes and are excited about their future.



Jocelyn was awarded "best student of the year"

Success can be measured

We are thankful to God that we were able to finish the school year with good results (93% of students succeeded in their exams).

For the new school year, Rakiéta will be going to a professional school to become a nurse. Her plan is to work at ACTS' Ellel Medical Center.

Graduates from vocational training received certificates and a surprise gifts. Sewing machines were given to girls who completed the seamstress course and exam. Young men who graduated from the carpentry shop received a set of tools to begin their own shop. Pray for the success of the graduates' new businesses.



Wendenda with her new sewing machine. She and Aïcha, the two best seamstresses, each received sewing machines to launch their businesses

Grégoire and Simon will be teaching and working in the administration of Hope Center. This is a way to give graduates an opportunity to gain experience and earn a living. Please pray for these students in this new endeavour.

ACTS' graduate students thank you

We would like to express our deep gratitude to you. Your love and support encourages us a lot.

And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. Luke 8:15

We send blessing to you in the name of Jesus!

Thank you for being our partner,

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