



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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...Upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. Matthew 16 :18-19

Indeed we can say that the Lord is building his church in the village of Saonré, no matter what adversity comes from the kingdom of darkness. We are victorious in Christ.



On Sunday, September 25 at Temple Evangélique El Roi, 12 villagers were baptized.

Baptism Ceremony in September

On Sunday, September 25, we had water baptism for 12 new born again believers at Temple Evangélique El Roi. Baptism candidates were villagers who, after hearing about the Good News during the summer, had professed faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Joseph Ouedraogo, president for the church district of Komsilga, and several other pastoral leaders attended the ceremony.

Rev. Ouedraogo was asked to direct the water baptisms on this occasion:

“We the leaders of the district of are happy to be here and be witnesses of the water baptism which the sign that a church is growing not only in number but also growing spiritually.

“Last year in November we were privileged to attend a similar baptism ceremony. It is good to see new people from the villages committed to walk and live according to the Bible. We praise God for their lives.”

The baptism ceremony was an especially joyous time for Joanna.

It is always good to see the Lord work in the lives of young people.

One of the young girls baptized was Bérénice Kaboré. She does not live in the village, but in Ouagadougou.



Bérénice Kaboré, after water baptism.

Bérénice’s parents are Muslims and are the neighbors to the Ilboudo family. Her parents literally gave her to Joanna to raise.

Courtship and marriage

In August, Joanna began a courtship and marriage series of lessons for village couples. It is not unusual for couples to live together without being married. This is because they have no money to buy a marriage certificate nor means to travel to a government office in

Ouagadougou for the civil ceremony.

Other couples have not understood nor been taught the importance of the covenant between husband and wife. Pre-marital counselling is given to couples who wish to marry.

For seven couples who wish to marry and have completed the premarital counselling, Joanna has arranged for a civil ceremony to be held in the village of Saonré and for a marriage ceremony at Temple Evangélique El Roï.

These couples have come from Islam and animism and have never had a civil wedding as requested by law. The weddings will be in November once all the civil requirements have been fulfilled.

Future plans



Time of fellowship at the church means song, dance, food and talk.

We are already planning for the expansion of the church building which was initially built with seating for 300 people.

With larger numbers of villagers attending special services and events, we are using tents for some meetings.

For example, from October 13 to 15, we will have three days fasting and prayer. In preparation for the attendance on these days, two tents have already been rented.

These days of prayer and fasting in October will be based on Psalm 67:1-3.

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*For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.*

Thank you for your prayers

Thank you very much for praying for the work of ACTS and in particular Temple Evangélique El Roï which is growing and making a difference in the lives of people in the village of Saonré and surrounding villages.



Communion being served at Temple Evangélique El Roï.

Thank you for being a partner with ACTS to reach the lost in Burkina Faso.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

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