



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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“Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

We began the school year with this verse. With the grace of God and the spiritual and financial assistance of ACTS partners, we have come to the end of another school year.

Student testimonies



Ahmed was awarded his own bicycle by Marie Louise Compaoré, the wife of the Mayor of Ouagadougou

Among those who were honored at the graduation ceremony was Ahmed. He has a remarkable story. **Ahmed Soré** came to the Hope Center when he was not qualified to attend ACTS primary school. Fortunately, he was still young and began by helping in the grainery while attending the Speed School. This gave him intensive individual study to

bring him up to speed so he could be placed at Ecole la Solidarity. Today, not only he the best student of our school but he is 3rd in rank among all the excellent students of all the school in the commune of Komsilga. This is quite an accomplishment for a child with such a rough beginning.

Each child at Hope Center has a story. **Koama Alidou** is another scholar who was acknowledged for his performance.

This boy’s father abandoned the family and went to Ghana. Since Koama’s mother could not care for the child on her own, she began to bring men into the house; some of them were abusive to Koama. On his own initiative Koama came to the ACTS Center and asked if he could stay. After investigation into his homelife, he was allowed him to stay at the Center. He is happy and works with all his might to succeed.

Two years ago at the beginning of the school year, **Louise Ilboudo**, a student from the village, gave her life to the Lord. She is faithfully coming to Temple Evangélique el Roi.



Students have opportunities to come forward to receive salvation in the Lord Jesus

Her father became very sick at one point and received medical treatment from ACTS Ellel Medical Center, but could not work to feed the family. At this point, ACTS allowed Louise to stay at the Hope Center orphanage. This year she has succeeded to her final exams and will be going to secondary school next year.

The stories of Ahmed, Iidou and Louise show how ACTS impacts the lives of the poor and vulnerable children in the village of Saonré.

We are grateful for your prayers and faithfulness. We continue to look up to God and also ask that you continue to support the ministry.

New school year

The new school year begins October 1st. We would appreciate your prayers for guidance and provision in food for students. ACTS prepares meals for approximately 1,000 individuals. Though it has begun to rain, ACTS will need food for students.



ACTS Board Chairman, Pastor Jean Charles, with students at the graduation ceremony held July 20.

Rain update

Subsistence farmers have had three poor crop years in a row. Seed planted last fall produced only one third of the expected crops. This means families had less food to get them through the year until the 2012 fall rains begin. Farmers sow seed when rains fall to water the parched earth.

In mid-July, Joanna returned from travel to the US to visit friends and partners of ACTS. When she arrived home, staff members said: “We do hope you found contacts to help secure food for the coming school year...the rain has not been good and it is going to be difficult year for people in the villages again.”

Rain has begun in Burkina Faso. It is late and we are not certain if there will be enough moisture for

crops to grow or if the farmers have enough seed to plant. Some villagers have had to eat the seed intended for the 2012 planting season. It was a difficult decision...eat the seed or watch your family starve to death.

Join us in Prayer and Praise

- Thank the Lord for students’ successful final exams.
- Praise the Lord for his protection over students and orphans.
- Praise the Lord for keeping orphans healthy and free from serious illness (like meningitis, pneumonia and polio).
- Thank the Lord for the refreshing seasonal rain.
- Pray for food to feed hungry orphans and villagers.
- Pray for students and staff for the upcoming school year.
- Pray for funding for the school year -- tuition for orphans and staff salaries.

Thank you very much for partnering with ACTS in Burkina to bring love and hope to the poor and vulnerable children.

May the Lord bless and prosper you in all you are doing!

With gratefulness,

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