



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

"Providing love and hope for mother and child"

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Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Join us in thanking the Lord



Because you cared, orphans and students have not gone hungry

The Lord has been with ACTS during the last few months. Praise him for his faithfulness.

We have been busy in terms of activities within ACTS Ministry in Burkina Faso. Despite extreme heat, drought and lack of basic necessities in the country, ACTS has been able to continue with your help.

Orphans and students sent their deep appreciation to all those who have prayed and contributed for ACTS to secure some food for the orphans at Hope Center.

Food insecurity is a term used to describe the inability to find or purchase food as a precursor to

famine. Food insecurity is severe in the country right now and many people are suffering, but with your assistance we have daily bread for all the children under our care.

We thank God for his hand upon the lives of children and staff, keeping us healthy and giving us the ability to continue the ACTS program.

Literacy training

The percentage of women who can read, write and count is only 15.2%. They cannot move beyond complete dependency. Women who are illiterate cannot vote, own a business or land or read the Bible. This is why literacy is an important step for widows and other women in the ACTS program. Literacy is important for spiritual growth and for lifting the economic conditions of their family.

The literacy training in the community of Nagréongo was very successful again this year. Women who graduated from the literacy program took the national literacy exam. The certificate they received will enable them to vote, own land and launch a business in their own name.



Women who have not been to school are learning how to read, write and count as part of ACTS women's programs.

In the village of Nagréongo ACTS has established professional training in sewing for some of the young girls who have begun literacy instruction.

At Saonré, the village where the ACTS Center is located, girls involved in sewing are getting ready for the National Exam which will soon take place.

One of the girls involved testifies, “My name is Anne Zoungrana. I am 21 years old. My Mom and Dad died when I was younger leaving me in the care of two older sisters who were not working. As a result, we had great difficulty in finding food, clothing and weren’t able to afford school fees.”



Anne Zoungrana

“When I came to ACTS for training in sewing, I was filled with joy. My training is going well and we receive good care from the ACTS team.”

“This year I finish my training and I’m praying for success in the exam for a certificate for professional qualification. After my training, I am planning to have an internship elsewhere before starting my own business. Thanks to ACTS, I will be able to care for my own life in the future. I am thankful to God for this great assistance.”

Aim towards “Integral mission”

ACTS staff took time to discuss and learn the importance of believing and working toward “integral mission.”

ACTS work shows children and women how to integrate spiritual realities into day-to-day life experiences.

All of ACTS programs explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel or Good News for the poor is that they don’t have to remain poor. ACTS programs bring about a change in heart and attitude—about life, self and relationships—that transforms lives.

For three days, ACTS staff and local pastors met with Tear Fund UK representatives to discuss the way ACTS integrates faith into lives. ACTS follows the commandment of Jesus in Matthew 25, cited at the beginning of this newsletter.

Rural pastors have had little or no training so ACTS includes pastors and church leaders in appropriate staff training sessions.

James wrote that faith without works is dead and that faith can be shown by your works (James 2:18, 20). Jesus himself integrated spiritual principles with life challenges.



Pastors were energized to give life to biblical principles

By the end of the meetings, pastors were moved to integrate their faith in their daily lives and to teach their congregations how to do the same.

Sharing what we have is an important step in the process of renewal. Women and children hear the Good News of the Gospel, curses are broken, limits are removed and the blessing of God transforms the lives of the poor.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts.

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