



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

## News from Burkina April 2013

### God cares for the poor

*“He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump.”* These are words from Psalm 113:7.

The words of this Psalm are fulfilled in the lives of orphans. As a teenager, Gauthier was in fear for his own life and abandoned by his family after his father was killed. Today after counseling, prayer and training he is free from fear and able to earn money for himself.



It has taken only four years for Gauthier to get to the point where he has confidence in his future. In the last month, this young carpenter was able to make and sell his own items. He is planning to train others at the ACTS Center by next fall.

We are thankful that, with the Lord’s help, he has overcome so many difficulties from his past.

The time for the nationally required final exams is quickly approaching. Students at the ACTS schools have done exceptionally well on these June exams in past years. Last year one of our students was among the top three students in the district.

### Students take a field trip

Secondary students at College Ezra took a field trip to the National Assembly.



Touring the National Assembly and sitting in the representatives’ seats was a thrill for the students.

They were given time to ask questions of the president and other deputies. It is a vision-enlarging experience for the students. Few villagers have the ability to travel outside their village.

After this visit, the students also went to the national zoological park where they saw wild animals.

### Literacy offered in villages

ACTS literacy program is being offered in villages and new centers for training have been established.



Pastors are happy to have this assistance that makes a way for their church members to learn how to read, write and count.

***“This literacy training for church members will enable them to work in a better way for their own lives as well as enable them to read their Bibles and grow spiritually.”*** --Pastor Paul from Boussé, one of the villages where we have literacy center.

### **Unrest in West Africa**

Countries of West Africa are in the news more than they have ever been. Unfortunately, there is an increase in the suffering of the poor caused by unrest and violence from rebel groups. You can read about this on our website.

[www.acts-burkina.org/php/ee\\_prayer\\_request.html](http://www.acts-burkina.org/php/ee_prayer_request.html)

We feel it is the opportune time to introduce villagers to the Prince of Peace. The door for evangelism is open in Burkina Faso.

### **Praise the Lord with us**

We are praising God because ACTS Ellel Medical Center has received official status as a medical center. ACTS complied with the Ministry of Health requirement to have a full-time physician and acquire specific medical equipment for the Center. Thank the Lord for fulfilling these requirements for Ellel in 2013.



This is the time of year when the temperature stays mostly above 100 degrees every day. Diseases such as polio, meningitis, measles and others

threaten to spread through villages and killing children weakened by malnutrition.

The pre-packaged meals sent from the USA are imperative. This better diet helps keep our boys and girls stronger to fight off diseases. Better nutrition enables students to concentrate on their studies in school.

We thank the Lord for volunteers who pack the meals and the missions who donate this food to feed hungry children at the ACTS Center.



We ask you to join us in thanking the Lord for his protection over the lives of the children in our care.

### **Prayer needed**

- For upcoming exams for students finishing primary and secondary school
- For ACTS to be able to acquire additional secondary school classrooms so that there will be room for the increased number of graduating primary students
- For the current six-week sports evangelism program that ends with a football tournament.
- For an end to the violence in countries in West Africa and for Burkina Faso to continue to be at peace

Gifts given towards any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter would be welcomed. Thank you for your support in prayer and giving.

In Him,

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