



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina Feb 2013

Christmas celebration

ACTS held the annual orphans, students and widows Christmas celebration on a day in January, because the December holiday was celebrated with a medical team from Spain.

“I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your name because your name is favorable”. Psalm 52:9 (*This is Joanna’s translation from the French*).

All the students at the ACTS schools and training center received this verse as the key verse for the year.



More than 700 people were jammed into Temple Evangélique El Roï for the event.

Students were from ACTS pre-school, primary and secondary schools as well as professional training units.

Each class performed a Christmas song. Executive Director initiated something new for the secondary school class presentations. The children all sang in English! Among the songs learned in English were *Silent Night, The First Noel, Joy to the World, O Come, All Ye Faithful!*



A special Christmas message explained to all orphans, village students and parents why Jesus was born.

Students were encouraged to trust in the Lord for all their studies, plans and projects of the year. Parents were given opportunity to hear the Gospel in a relaxed setting.

Pray for children’s parents

A few of the students who attend ACTS schools come from Muslim families. Please remember to pray that the Lord open the parents eyes to the truth about Jesus found in the Word of God. A number of their children have secretly accepted the Lord Jesus into their hearts. It could be dangerous for them to be open about this at a young age.



After the service which took place in the church, all the children were fed and each child received a fruit drink in a can. This was a real treat for them.

Most parents who attended the service were happy and grateful for this celebration.

Widows receive food

ACTS took this opportunity to give boxes of vitamin-enriched meals to some widows. The rural population is still suffering from the two-year crop failures and subsequent lack.



One widow especially overwhelmed by the events of the day, burst in tears as she gave thanks on behalf of all the widows.



Prayer Requests

Ask for Holy Spirit to water the Word that the parents heard. Ask the Lord to bring forth a harvest of souls.

Ask the Lord to protect the children against disease. It is this time of year that diseases like chickenpox, meningitis and measles spread among villagers. Some children already have caught chickenpox, but meningitis and measles can be deadly for children.



Thank you very much for walking faithfully with us to help us provide love and hope to poor and vulnerable children.

Yours sincerely,

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