



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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Opening Ceremony for ACTS students

Hundreds of students full of joy and hope for the new year jammed into the Temple Evangélique El Roi sanctuary for the annual dedication of the school year. More students sat under a canopy at the entrance and at the windows around the sanctuary.



Joy filled their hearts because they were able to attend a school where high expectations to excel abound and where there is food to fill their bellies.

The students have hope because they are taught that with the help of the Lord, they can accomplish anything on which they set their hearts.

We are so grateful to donors who gave gifts for the education of students at College Ezra secondary school. New classrooms have been built and there is room for more students. Praise the Lord for his graciousness and many thanks to the dear ones whose hearts beat with the same compassion the Lord has for the poor.

Gauthier taking his place

The orphan, Gauthier, lived through extreme circumstances and has come through them with grace. A few years ago he and his sister witnessed his uncle and other villagers kill his father. He fled

and eventually was found in Ouagadougou by the ACTS Executive Director, Joanna Ilboudo.

He is a young man who steps up to responsibilities. This year he returned to the ACTS Center after two years of working as a carpenter in Ouagadougou.

He is training the younger “would-be” carpenters in his trade. We are certain his character will make an impression on the younger orphans. He is an able teacher who understands the hurts that can be under the surface of those who have suffered trauma.



Dr. Ousmane compassion for the poor

The new director and full-time physician for the Ellel Medical Center could have chosen many places to practice medicine. When he heard about the Ellel Medical Center and the vision for providing affordable medical care for the poor, he made his choice.

Dr. Ousmane talked about the various needs at the Ellel Medical Center.



Number one would be adequate supplies of medicine on hand for the increasing numbers of patients being seen.

As a generalist, he would appreciate training in various specialties such as gynecology, diabetes and skin conditions. Training would be for him and the nurses and technicians at Ellel.

Because of our work among women we talked with Dr. Ousmane about a four-year gynecology course at the University of Ouagadougou. He would be able to attend to his duties at Ellel while enrolled in specialty classes.

Wendingoudi - "God, My Caring Shepherd"

You may remember the story of the baby that was put into the dump shortly after birth. The mother was desperate as she couldn't take care of the infant and didn't want to see the little one starve to death.

Last December when a medical team from Spain came to the ACTS Center, little Wendingoodi was found to be deaf. She is a sweet child and loved to be with ACTS President, Sharyl Sieh.

This photo was taken on October 17, 2013



We are praying that something can be done for her. The Great Shepherd cares for her.

Farm produces supplemental food for orphans

ACTS farm at Gobi produced corn, beans, miringa, and peanuts to supplement the students' diet. Beans will be added to rice and corn will be ground into flour to make traditional sagbo.



In the photo, a villager helps to pound the bean pods to release the beans. After a whole morning's work, she was left with a one large sack of beans.

The students are thrilled knowing their bellies will not be empty while they attend school during this time of slow recovery from drought and famine.

Prayer and praise

- ✓ Praise the Lord for the health of staff and students
- ✓ Praise Him for those who give to the poor
- ✓ Praise Him for caring for our orphans

- ✓ Pray for students in this academic year
- ✓ Pray for the spiritual growth of the students
- ✓ Pray for the outreach of the El Roï church

Thank you

Thank you for praying and remembering our work in Burkina Faso. We are grateful.

In Him,

Joanna Ilboudo Sharyl J. Sieh

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