



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina July 2014

Nabaloum Aguiratou was one of the three ACTS graduates who received a sewing machine at the commencement ceremony at the end of June.

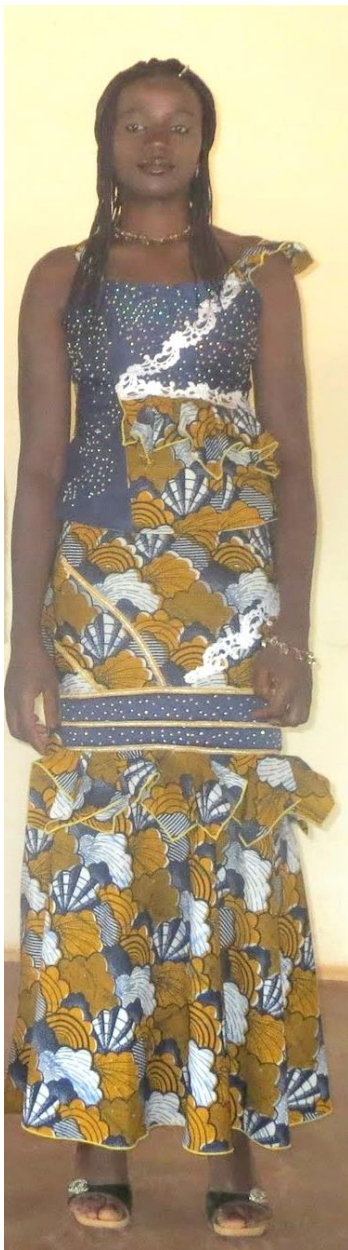
Nabaloum’s testimony

“My name is Nabaloum Aguiratou. I was born into a Muslim family in the village of Saonré.

“I have four sisters and a brother. We encounter many difficulties in our family, therefore it is not easy to have meals every day or proper clothing for all of us. Medical treatment is not an option when we are sick. It is impossible for my family to pay tuition for all of us to attend school.

“Before hearing about ACTS, I was not in school and had no life skills. I had stopped attending school because my parents could not afford to pay the tuition.

“One day, my uncle informed me of training offered at the Hope Center, so I went to inquire about the



professional training. To my amazement, I was accepted and able to enroll in the clothing construction program.



“I am very satisfied to be part of that training in sewing. It has allowed me to obtain my qualification

certificate and with the sewing machine I received as an award for working hard, I will be able to start my own seamstress business.

“I am grateful to ACTS and to all their partners for this unique opportunity. You gave me the chance to make a difference in my life. Thank you so much.”



ACTS Ministry would like to thank our partners for making testimonies such as this possible. Your gifts and prayers are an integral part of our ministry.

In Burkina Faso 45% of the population is under the age of 14. ACTS’ programs reach 1,000 students from varied backgrounds with no discrimination. Burkina Faso’s population is Muslim 60%, Christian 23%, animist 17%

Those who enroll in our classes are able to choose from several professions: clothing construction,

carpentry, welding, building construction and farming/animal husbandry. Items produced by our students are in demand by villagers. Income from the products sold is returned to the program to help with expenses.



The majority of the population of Burkina Faso are subsistence farmers. They try to grow millet or corn. Families spend great amount of effort to eke out a living for their family on plots of land.

Unfortunately, the climate of Burkina Faso is not kind to farmers. Frequent droughts, insect plagues, poor soil conditions and inadequate farming techniques handed down from past generations produce small yields.

Students choose vocational training to break out of the poverty cycle of subsistence farming so they will be able to earn a living for their family.

Students come to ACTS because they see no other way. They have not been able to attend school on a

regular basis, have failed or are too old to begin formal schooling.

Students are given lessons in their chosen vocation. Along with those lessons, they are instructed in life lessons taken from the Bible including the plan of salvation. They are also introduced to pertinent facts for living in Burkina Faso such as HIV/AIDS prevention, hygiene, safe food storage and business principles. Literacy training helps them become better businessmen and women. ACTS makes an effort to train the young men and women to be successful.

Please pray for our students. Pray for their ears to be open to the Gospel. Pray that Muslims such as Nabaloum receive the Lord Jesus as savior. Pray for the Lord to prepare them for the realities of life in these difficult times.

Pray for spiritual renewal



Pray for the Lord to bring in a harvest of souls in Burkina Faso and West Africa. Pray for peace and stability which

are important for our work to continue. We would like you to join us in praying for the new generation of young men and women in Burkina Faso as they are the future leaders.

We are asking God to do what only he can do...work on the hearts and bring salvation. We will continue to do our part in proclaiming his Word.

Thank you for being faithful and praying.

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