



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

*“Providing love and hope for mother and child”*

## News from Burkina Dec 2015

**10th Anniversary 2005-2015**

**Immanuel—God with us.**

*This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...” 1 Timothy 1:15*

As we shared the Good News of the birth of Jesus and his reason for coming, by word and through the songs of the children, the message warmed the hearts of the people. Hearts were forever changed by His Presence and Mercy.

As partners with us in ministering to the poor of Burkina Faso, you have a reason to celebrate with us for this year of fulfillment of promises.

We are confident that as you reflect on this year, you will see how He has faithfully guided you and your loved ones as well.



As we come to the end of 2015, we would like to thank God for his hands upon our lives and also the country. Despite the socio political troubles we had in the country we have witnessed the grace and power of God that prevails when people pray. Burkina Faso’s peaceful transition towards a just government is an example for African nations who are chaffing against unjust rulers. We praise God for the peace in Burkina which allows ACTS to serve the poor without restraint.

We thank all who are standing by our side and praying and those support the work of ACTS in Burkina Faso. We take this opportunity to wish

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you MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy and blessed New Year. May the Lord continue to bless you as you give to the poor.

### Project Updates

We are thankful to God and to all those who have contributed for the construction of the wall around the secondary school and for the rebuilding of widows’ homes that collapsed during the annual rainfall.

Both of these projects brought peace of mind and security to individuals we serve.



One of five widow’s homes that were rebuilt.

Walls are protecting the supplies and equipment in the ACTS’ office, classrooms and church. The students’ computer lab is more secure.



ACTS’ compound is secure with new walls.

Motor cycles and cars were crossing the compound for a short cut through the village, so the wall also provides safety for secondary school students when walking to class or playing sports.

By the grace of God all project activities continue. We thankful for that. Here are two testimonies:

**Fati Kaboré**

*“My name is Fati Kaboré. I am a widow caring for six (6) children. As part of the women’s group for economic and social promotion at Saonré, I am able to earn money which is put into the group savings plan. With credits earned by women, the members pay the school fees for our children. We are learning how to work together and start a local business venture. I have learned how to make soap and sell it which gives our family an income.”*



Women are able to weave more intricate designs.

The challenge for the women’s group is to find donors willing to give start-up capital for training and the purchase of supplies. The women are taught marketable skills such as new sewing and weaving techniques or how to make soap.

Women are experiencing success in their endeavors, but we need more micro-credit funds to help other women. We do pray that the Lord will open doors for us to reach more women with the Gospel while teaching them new ways to support their family. This project is transforming the lives of women and children.

**Ouédraogo Ablassé**

*“My name is Ouédraogo Ablassé. I’ve been at the Hope Center for six (6) years and have not been able to find relatives who would care for me. No one wanted me. I would have been left on my own without ACTS to support me. With God’s help, am doing carpentry and learning how to weld. I am confident that with this training, I will be able to care for myself and for any future family that God may give me.*



Carpentry and welding are marketable skills.

*I am healthy and able to work because of the meals I receive from ACTS every day. I thank God every day for being with me and giving me strength.”*

These two testimonies don’t just represent names in a report, they are souls that have been changed forever. We give God all the glory for every victory He bestowed in 2015.

**Prayer and Praise**

We would appreciate your prayers for the following items:

- ✓ Continuing prayer is asked for the country to remain at peace
- ✓ Thank the Lord for thwarting the plans of terrorists against Burkina Faso.
- ✓ Protection and health for staff, women and children
- ✓ Thank God for his provision for our families and for the boys and girls under ACTS charge.

With joy in serving,

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