



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

## News from Burkina JULY 2015

10th Anniversary 2005-2015

### Rewards of diligence

On July 10 at the Hope Center, ACTS celebrated the best students who received awards for their diligence. It is always a joy when we end the school year and reflect on the Lord’s blessings.



**My child, eat honey, for it is good,  
and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste.  
In the same way, wisdom is sweet to your soul.  
If you find it, you will have a bright future,  
and your hopes will not be cut short.  
Proverbs 24:13-14**

Praise the Lord with us for the outcome of the end of the year national exams taken by students. All graduating level primary students did well in the national exam and will be promoted to secondary school next year.

Eleven out of the 14 graduates of the sewing class obtained a certificate enabling them to apply for financial assistance with micro-finance institutions

and launch a sewing business. The graduating seamstresses showed off their sewing projects in a style show.



By God’s grace the students had good academic year. We thank the Lord for our faithful teachers who pray for their students.

### Courageous widow and two sons

Two of this year’s graduates, Bruno and Josias, are sons of Antoinette Picazou, a courageous widow. As most mothers, Antoinette yearned for her sons to succeed and so she prayed and encouraged them to follow in her example.

ACTS hired her as a cook for the orphans and students at the ACTS Center when her own children were little. Her love for children was evident in the way she interacted with the little orphans.



After years of faithful work as a cook, ACTS gave her the opportunity to attend classes given by the Ministry of Social Action to become one of ACTS preschool teachers.

Two of Antoinette’s sons graduated this year and succeeded in their exams, giving them the privilege to continue to university level. Their desire is to attend a Bible Training Course in Lomé, Togo

It was natural for Bruno and Josias to desire to excel in their studies as their mother had done. They learned to serve the Lord through the example of their mother and were encouraged by the ACTS staff. We are proud of them.



We pray that many will follow in the footsteps of these young men who are seeking to know more of God.

### Women’s micro-enterprise endeavor

Some 300 women, most of them widows, participate in our microenterprise project. Each one decides what type of venture will bring in income. With the money they earn, they are able to send their children to one of the ACTS’ schools.

Last year, women in the microenterprise project were able to make the equivalent of \$18,000!

This is a fantastic amount even for the number of women in this project. Their profit was divided equally among the groups of women. As in the book of Acts, all share alike.

To help insure success in their business ventures and for a complete transformation, they attend literacy training, health and hygiene classes, Bible

studies and are instructed in the basics of running a business.

At each meeting, the women bring a small amount of money to put towards their businesses. During the year, each woman is given an opportunity to hear the Gospel and to respond to the Gospel message.



### Prayer and Praise

Your prayers are necessary.

- Praise the Lord for the academic success.
- Continued peace in Burkina Faso.
- Rain for planting and growing crops and enough to fill the water storage barrages.
- Ask the Lord to keep the students safe from dangers and diseases during the school break.

Thank you very much for your faithful assistance. May the Lord continue to reward you for all your efforts.

Yours in Christ,

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