

# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“love and hope for mother and child”



## News from Burkina AUG 2016

*And we will never stop thanking God for this: that when we preached to you, you didn't think of the words we spoke as being just our own, but you*

*accepted what we said as the very Word of God—which, of course, it was—and it changed your lives when you believed it. 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

### In Burkina Faso

The July closing ceremony for ACTS' school year allowed students to show off their achievements. Awards were given to students who excelled. Students' lives were changed for the 200 who came to Salvation in the Lord Jesus during the past year. We are thankful to the Lord for bringing new life and courage to the students.

**Zoré Issouf**, an orphan who came to Hope Center eight years ago, was not able to visit any of his relatives because they live very far from Ouagadougou. This year when Zoré Issouf (see photo below) graduated to the next level of secondary school before university, his cousin surprised him by attending the ceremony.



His cousin expressed gratitude to the staff saying: “I have come to say thank you for what you have done for

Issouf. Because you accepted him at the Hope Center, his life was not wasted. Then he went on to say:

“Issouf comes from a family with eight siblings; his father died because of alcohol; the children were all left to a younger uncle who also began to drink heavily and died three years after Issouf came to the Hope Center.

“Issouf is the only family member with a school diploma. His sisters were forced to get married and the other brothers are doing small jobs in the village. If Issouf had stayed in the village he would not have had this opportunity to earn a diploma.”

**Natacha Pougno**, a good student at ACTS' College Ezra secondary school, obtained her diploma allowing her to attend university. ACTS has approached a private university to ask for a scholarship which Natacha needs to undertake her studies at the university level.



Another orphan at the Hope Center, **Joseph Kabré**, could not protest when he was taken by his older brother to Bobo Dioulasso four years ago. Bobo is the second largest city in Burkina Faso and 225 miles away from Ouagadougou. His brother did not want him to become a Christian.

Joseph had chosen Jesus as Savior while living at the Hope Center. ACTS stayed in touch with Joseph and assured him that he could return for study at College Ezra if his brother changed his mind. A few weeks ago,

Joseph called to say his brother would allow him to return for the next school year at College Ezra. He was very happy to relate that his brother said he would allow Joseph to be a Christian if he desired. The reason for the brother's change of heart was he had been deceived by his religious group.



*And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.*  
Romans 8:32 (AMP)

We are thankful for God's faithfulness. Please continue to pray for the students like Joseph. Pray that their faith fail not. Pray for the children's protection and that they return to class in the fall in good health.

### **In the USA**

Dennis and Sharyl Sieh boxed items, rented a trailer and drove across the country to Abilene, Texas to the Global Samaritan Resources warehouse where a 40' container was loaded for Burkina Faso.

Half the 40' container was loaded with vitamin-enriched meals. The 21,582 lbs of food were donated by Feed My Starving Children.

In order to fill the container, we added more food (staples such as flour, oil and corn meal), supplies for the ACTS office and vocational training classes. A used Toyota 4-Runner was sent for the staff. Vehicles wear

out quickly with the poor road conditions and lack of parts and repair services.

When we arrived in Abilene we were pleased to find that a church youth group from Austin made fast work of unloading the trailer.

One week every summer a group from the Abilene church dedicates their time to do odd jobs around the warehouse, such as cleaning and taking inventory.



We appreciate the dedication of Esther of Global Samaritan who brought order to the stacks of items for the container. (Esther is at the left with the group from Austin.) The summer heat of Abilene makes her job difficult but she does it with a light heart and a smile on her face.

As the container begins its long journey, pray for a swift trip across the ocean to Burkina Faso. Pray that all the items arrive without any loss or damage.

Thank you very much for your faithful prayer support. May the Lord richly bless you!

With gratefulness,

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