



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

## News from Burkina SEPT 2016

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*Gen 8:22 “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”*

*Prov 10:5 He who gathers during summer and takes advantage of his opportunities is a son who acts wisely...”*

### August break time

When August arrives many people in Burkina Faso take a holiday from work and school, but the staff at the ACTS Center, took advantage of the time to take on other activities.

### The Gospel through storytelling

Women who receive training as oral communicators learn how to effectively tell the Gospel in ways that non-readers can comprehend. This project reaches a segment of the population that is ignored by most churches.



Two weeks of training show women how to present the Gospel using drama, dance, music, pictures and song.

The training sessions were held first for women living in the rural communities around Ouagadougou with 25 women and the second session was held 245 miles away in Burkina’s second city of Bobo Dioulasso. In Bobo, 60 more women were trained to go out into villages.

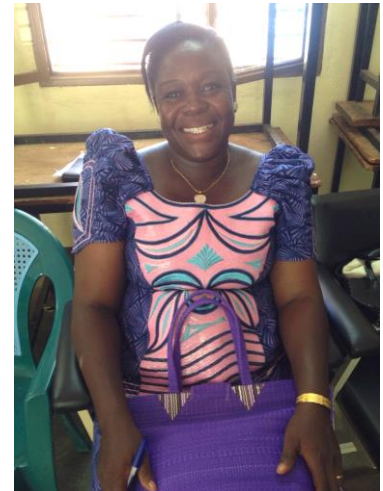
The women respond with delight that they can become effective evangelists.



The illiterate villagers reached by this project are excited to learn bible stories and life principles and are responding to the Gospel.

A woman who attended the Ouagadougou session gave this testimony:

*“I am very thankful for this training. After the first session, I gave a report to my village church and the pastor gave me*



*permission to train women. We are in a very remote place and no one among the women knows how to read and write apart from the pastor.*

*“Since I am a widow I decided to begin by mobilizing widows within the church. They find great encouragement in the program and share their experiences with other women. Our group is enlarging at every weekly meeting.”*

Because of this training, ACTS reaches many village women who otherwise would not know the Truths found in the Bible.

Pray for an even greater harvest of souls through this project for oral learners.



### Walk for Hope

An event held in the month of August was the Walk for Hope. Joanna walked for six kilometers to bring attention to the importance of sending children to school.

Mothers and young people from villages joined Joanna Ilboudo in her walk. The Mayor of Komsilga, who is the local government head, was among the walkers. We continue to trust the Lord to supply funds for more village children to attend school.



### Update on Containers

The two 40' containers in route to Ouagadougou are expected to arrive in late September. The first container is half filled with vitamin-enriched meals for hungry students and widows and half with supplies for school and office.

The second container is filled with meals. We gratefully thank the Lord and Feed My Starving Children for the two donations of food.

### Advanced sewing classes

ACTS held an intensive sewing workshop for girls who have finished their training at Hope

Center and are working to establish their own businesses. A specialist in clothing design and construction led the two-week course. Students designed and constructed two garments during the class. The designer awarded a certificate to each seamstress.



### Flooding damages houses

In closing, we would ask you to pray for the 20,000 Burkinabé villagers who lost their homes in flooding caused by the seasonal, but heavy rainfall.

In the village community around the ACTS Center, 50 families who lost homes are living in schools in the village of Saonré. All need food assistance and will have to find other shelter by mid-September when schools begin to prepare for students.

Thank you very much for your faithful assistance and prayer support and may the Lord bless you as you continue to care for the poor and vulnerable ones through the work of ACTS.

With gratefulness,

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