



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” 2 Timothy 2:2

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

In Burkina Faso, the church is growing, but few believers are reaching maturity in Christ. There is little training or study for believers or even for pastors. Discipleship training and leadership training has become one of our priorities. Believers need to know what it means to be followers of the Lord Jesus. Pastors need skills to shepherd the people.

At our church, Temple Evangélique El Roï, three days at the beginning of each month are set aside for discipleship training. The discipleship classes are for church members, pastors and ACTS staff members. It is an intentional effort to bring all into a closer relationship with Jesus.

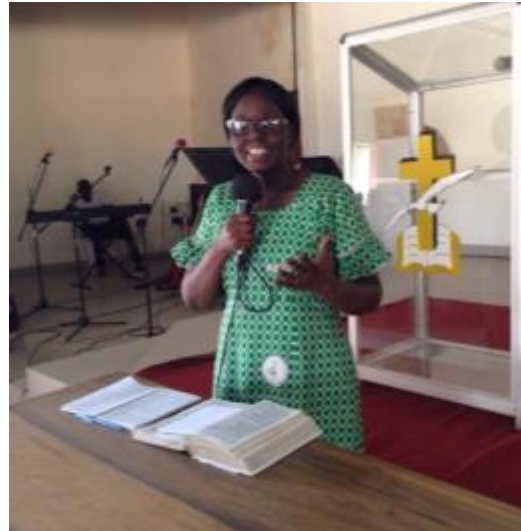
After one training session, a lady called Marie said: **“I now understand how important discipleship is for us who believe in Jesus. I am**



endeavoring to be a radical disciple for Jesus. I will also make disciples as this is the mission He left for all who believe in Him. I am thankful to God for these teachings.”

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Pastors will be able to participate in leadership seminars three times a year. They will be taught from texts that ACTS translated into French: *Leading from the Heart, Leading with Your Head and Leading with Your Hands.*



Pastors are encouraged to establish a discipleship training program for their church congregation. This training emphasis will equip local rural churches, make an impact by evangelizing their communities and strengthen the body of believers in Burkina Faso.

LIVING WATER



Alongside discipleship making efforts, we are also continuing to hold evangelistic campaigns in the community. We are witnesses of the spiritual darkness in which many people live. Here in Burkina Faso, we have freedom to preach and evangelize unlike believers in countries that surround us.

In the February evangelistic campaign, **145 individual villagers accepted salvation** in Jesus Christ. For this we are thankful. These new believers have been invited to attend discipleship training classes to learn what it means to be a believer in Jesus.

During door to door evangelism, many women testified that their Muslim husbands told them they would have freedom to go to church if they married, only to find out that they are now forbidden to go to church and their children are taught the Koran. These women are very desperate and some even want to leave their husbands despite the fact they would not be able to take their children with them. They are very unhappy.

Please continue to pray for us as we minister to village youth as some are being drawn into Islam.

NEW CHURCH



Rejoice with the villagers from Gobi. They will soon be dedicating and celebrating the building of their church. This is a church plant in the rural area where ACTS farm and agricultural projects are located. The roof was just completed.

WATER FOR LIFE

After ACTS Hope Center well went dry during the heat and drought of 2016, we were forced to purchase



water for cooking, drinking and washing. At the end of January, pipes were finally connected at the Hope Center and we now have running water! The Lord answered your prayers for the water to flow.

FOOD FOR STUDENTS

We give grateful thanks for **Feed My Starving Children**



for being willing to donate food for our students, widows and patients at the Ellel Medical Center. We are planning for the next container to be sent in July, 2017 with a donation from

Heaven Sent Ministries. If you wish to know more about packing meals or helping with the cost of shipping, contact the ACTS office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would appreciate your prayers for the protection of all staff and children under our care. Please remember the students at the primary and secondary schools.

Pray for the Lord to open their understanding and to open their hearts of those who need salvation. Pray for those who participate in the leadership and discipleship training classes that their courage and faith increase.

Please pray for the growth of the new church at Gobi and for their pastor who needs wisdom in leading them.

With gratefulness,

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