



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7

OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The verse above is what students read at the dedication of the new year which began in October.

ACTS’ students attended one of the three assemblies held at Temple Évangélique el Roi to ask the Lord to bless their study and give them health. At the end of the service an altar call for salvation saw at least 30 students acknowledge their new faith in Jesus.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP—BDC LAUNCHED

Because of the socio-economic and political situation, the next year does not look hopeful for the people of Burkina Faso.

ACTS is pleased to announce a new training course to encourage and train young people in business. This entrepreneurial project is in partnership with Regent University.

The Business Development Center (BDC) fosters courage, develops skills and sets individuals in their own business enterprise. Those who are trained don’t wait for employment to come to them. A new business is envisioned and launched while taking the course. In Burkina Faso there are neither government employment programs nor agencies providing such training.



The training is not just theoretical, but develops skills with practical assignments. Visiting businessmen and women from Burkina, Europe and the USA tell of their experiences and give encouragement to students.

THE ONLY ANSWER

Politicians, action groups and tribal leaders have failed to provide solutions for the future. Young people in Burkina Faso live with uncertainty.

The result is radicalization of youth. The only solution is to introduce them to the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life—Jesus Christ. He is the one who can transform hopelessness into faith for the future. We would appreciate your prayers as

we continue to seek ways to bring the Good News to those who have lost all hope.

RELIEF IN HARD TIMES

The primary occupation in the country is subsistence farming and the past three rainy seasons were insufficient and crops failed. This year, we notice many families are already experiencing lack and famine.

Each year, ACTS provides a lunch meal for children in our schools. Due to the dire situation this year, ACTS distributed a total of 1,585 boxes of rice meals to orphans in various schools. We gave boxes to widows in the 36 villages of Komsilga, 100 to the sick in hospital and 200 to prisoners. Food was donated by partners in the USA.



We did our best to give to families who met our criteria based on need. It was very hard to see women in tears at the ACTS office when we said we did not have any more rice to give out.



The vitamin-enriched meals are crucial for the growth of the community. Malnutrition affects the mind and overall health of men and women.

Prayers, good food, education and medical treatment work together to make a healthier community. It is a step by step process. Please pray

for the students, moms and dads in Burkina Faso. Pray for their salvation, health and safety. Pray for the Lord to restore their minds and bodies from the effects of malnutrition.

THANKSGIVING

ACTS staff works hard to fulfil the work of ministering to the poor of Burkina Faso. It takes money to provide food, curriculum and supplies for students and salaries for staff. We rarely ask for gifts but we ask you to consider a one now. We sense an urgency to work with all our might while the door is open for evangelism in Burkina Faso.

As we close this Newsletter, we would like to say again how much we appreciate your prayers and support of various kinds for the ongoing work of ACTS in Burkina Faso. These are difficult times, but we see the Lord at work in Burkina Faso.



We value your prayers for the following requests:

- ✓ Peace and stability for the country in these uncertain socio political times
- ✓ Asking the Lord for salvation among the youth who face challenges and radicalization
- ✓ Protection over our lives and the work against any form of attack
- ✓ Continuous provision from our Heavenly Father for all the work of ACTS.

We appreciate you and your prayers. May the Lord bless and multiply his favor in your life.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

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