



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

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**When the crowds saw Jesus they began to shout and worship him saying, “Hosanna: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! John 12:13**



One day those who sorrow due to their dire circumstances will see their Savior face to face in Heaven and shout praises to the King of Kings. Pain will disappear and be replaced with the Presence of the Lord. Sorrow will be replaced with singing.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

### **Students visit Presidential Palace**

Students from ACTS secondary school were privileged to visit the Presidential Palace and sing the National Anthem.

The Palace is not usually opened to the public, but ACTS’ students were allowed inside. For a few moments they enjoyed the delights of fountains, beautiful buildings, seeing officials and taking selfies under the portrait of a favorite President, Captain Thomas Sankara who came into power with a revolution in August 1983.



### **Civics for youth and adults**

ACTS addressed human rights and civic education activities with young students and women in the village. Young students initiated dramas on various aspects of civic education and their efforts were well received.



Lawlessness is a problem in the countries of West Africa and the world. It is important to sensitize both young and old on what good governance is like and to show them how to live according to the laws of the country. This leads to decisions that foster peace and development. Informed citizens make informed decisions.

### **Fighting against poverty**

Poverty is a plague. ACTS trains young people and women to fight poverty with education, professional training and income generating activities.

ACTS Ellel Medical Center also provides health services at affordable prices. It is rare to find a health center in a village; in fact, there are few

health centers countrywide. When they arrive at a center, the village poor find they cannot afford the cost of medical treatments. They are turned away.

The ACTS Ellel Medical Center gives loving care to people living in poverty by providing diagnostic services, treatment and medicines to the poor.

On Saturday March 17, Ellel Medical Center opened its doors for free cervical cancer screening. Eighty (80) women from the villages went through the screening for signs of cancer.



Téné, talks about her experience: “I am so glad we have this service right where we live. Now we understand more about cervical cancer. ACTS gave advice about how to avoid risks of cancer. I speak for the women in rural areas who have received this great service: we would like to express our deep gratitude to ACTS for assisting us in this way.”

### The trap of poverty

There are stories told by young people that leave one in tears. You wonder how something so terrible can happen to someone who is already vulnerable to distress from poverty.

A mother came one evening to tell us about her daughter who is attending ACTS professional training to become a seamstress. Esther, her 15-year-old daughter, was abused sexually by a man. Not only was she without hope of a future, but she lived in shame.

The trap of poverty held Esther with no way out until her mother sent her to ACTS for counseling and training. She heard about a Savior who forgives and brings freedom from shame.

The mother says, “Today I encourage Esther to study hard. No one taught me how to earn a living. I want very much for Esther to have a better life.”



### Please pray

In closing, we would appreciate your prayers for some of the items we have in our heart:

- This time of the year temperatures are very high – over 100 degrees each day; this is unbearable and makes it difficult to be productive.
- Please pray for student’s protection against diseases occurring with this heat (meningitis, measles, chickenpox).
- This is also the time to prepare for exams. Please pray for all who are taking exams, in primary, secondary school and the professional training class.
- With different unresolved socio-economic issues in the country, we need reconciliation to assure peace and stability in the country. Our leaders need wisdom.

Thank you for your faithful support and may the Lord continue to bless you.

With gratefulness,

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