



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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My people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge...Hosea 4:6

ACTS has never lost its vision for serving the people of Burkina Faso through education related projects that empower the poor who have had little access to schools and training. Knowledge gives a people power over circumstances.



ACTS is committed to lifting people out of ignorance. This is why we are involved in education, professional training, literacy and also in equipping the Church.

The vision for equipping the Church includes leadership, discipleship and writer training. Writer training was added because it is important to have more locally produced literature for our people.

Habakkuk: 2: 2-3 “...Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”

We will never stop encouraging the people to write. Writer training was one of the first visions of serving the Lord in Burkina.

In the 1990s, the Habakkuk verses quoted above were shared with Joanna Ilboudo, founder of ACTS by John Maust, President of Media Associates

International (MAI). He was the first trainer to come along side Joanna to encourage our budding writers.

During the past few months, several trainings were held. We have captured some of the testimonies from a few of the participants from those training sessions below.

Testimonies – LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Yaméogo: “I am grateful to God for the opportunity I had to attend this leadership training. I have learnt a lot in five days. What I have learnt is bringing a transformation in my way of doing of doing things and leading. The training was fantastic and I am thankful for the expertise of the trainers.”

Somé: “What I have learnt during this training will allow to make my human efforts productive. The training has reinforced my understanding to better know and understand others and myself, and also the ability to develop others.”

Kabré: “I am thankful to the trainers who allowed me to leave my ignorance behind. During the five-day training I was able to discover my leadership style. I will endeavor to be a better leader.”

Testimonies - WRITER TRAINING



Dominique: “I have benefited from a solid foundational training which is really better equipped me for writing. The advice I received added much to the writing project I had already started.”

Enoch: “The various themes of the training met my expectation and I am very grateful for this opportunity. It was full of rich instructions which I

did not know and that will allow me to go forward with my writing.”

Roland: “Through the various trainings, I have the confidence that I can write. The various themes developed were relevant.”

SPORTS EVANGELISM - Solidarity Cup



The Solidarity Cup is an event that students, parents and villagers attend. This year secondary school students were the only participants.

Schools in Komsilga participated making 14 teams competing for the coveted cup. Students from all classes of College Ezra secondary school formed teams for the competition and the final match was played between the first year class and the last year class students.

The senior students from College Ezra won the cup. ACTS students were excited they had won the cup this year.

The tournament was preceded by six weeks of training in soccer, morals from biblical references, healthcare, preserving the environment and HIV/AIDS.

END OF SCHOOL

This is the end of the school year and we are very thankful to God for guiding and protecting our students. We are thankful that a businessman from Ouagadougou provided money for some of the village children to attend our schools.

He participated in the end of the year celebration by giving recognition to students who excelled in their studies. He also surprised the students by offering graduates the opportunity to go to university studies by paying for scholarships. We are grateful for his encouraging words and actions. The Lord is GOOD!



We appreciate you all for your prayers and financial assistance that allows us to do the work the Lord entrusted to us. May the Lord bless you as you continue to remember the work of ACTS among the poor in Burkina Faso.

We ask you to pray for the following:

- **Pray for rain:** We are currently in the rainy season, but rain is slow to come; last year we did not have enough rain and more than 2 million people faced famine. This year in the highest producing area for crops, worms are eating the corn. This area supplies produce throughout the country.
- **Pray for peace:** Peace and stability has been challenged. Terrorist attacks mostly in the north but internal problems such as laborer strikes which both harm the economy of the country.
- **Pray for protection and health for staff and villagers.** When rain comes, cases of malaria and dengue fever will increase. This is the number one killer of children around the world. Only God can protect us.

Thank you very much to all!

With gratefulness,

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