



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina November 2019

We begin this letter with thanksgiving to God who inspires the vision of the ministry of ACTS and who sustains the work day by day.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness, Oh, Lord. Great is thy faithfulness.”

Indeed, when we look at how far the Lord has brought us, despite the trepidations we may feel from the difficulties we face, we can’t stop singing the above song.



Education Updates

We give thanks to God first, for the partnership established with the Minister of Education of Burkina Faso who formed a partnership with ACTS to pay tuition for students. This current school year, the Ezra Secondary School received over 100 students whose tuition will be paid by the government.

These assured funds will go towards the salaries of our teachers. We are fortunate to have a staff of dedicated instructors who do a good job in taking care of students. (Photo of new students below.)



Ellel Medical Center

Secondly, we also bless the Lord for His faithfulness in assisting Israel and Linda Ilboudo in

the management of the Ellel Medical Center. The Lord has seen them through difficult, stressful times to insure Ellel meets higher standards. With a conscientious and committed medical staff, the hard work is bearing fruit. Benefits include financial increase due to improved management of staff and income from services that enabled the buildings to have a fresh coat of paint.



In the coming months, a contract with the Minister of Health will be signed, allowing the Ellel Medical Center to receive subsidies for the medical treatment of infants from 0-5 years and pregnant women. All praise and glory goes to God for this open door. We also thank the faithful partners who give financial assistance and pray for the work.



Food Distribution

Food was also distributed to orphans and widows who participate in the projects and live around the ACTS Center.

We continue to thank God for allowing ACTS to distribute food to displaced orphans and widows from the northern part of Burkina Faso who fled terrorism and are staying in churches about 150 kilometres from the capital, Ouagadougou.

Villagers flee from weekly terrorist attacks in the north part of the country.



The threat of terrorism is on our minds and we pray to keep this violence at bay. Should attacks come to our villages, our work would be greatly hampered, if not stopped. Thank you very much for praying for the innocent villagers who have been uprooted from their homes and for the violence to be pushed back from Burkina Faso.

The food program of United Nation has declared that Burkina Faso will know unprecedented famine this year. About 500,000 people have been displaced and have not been able to grow any crops during the raining season.

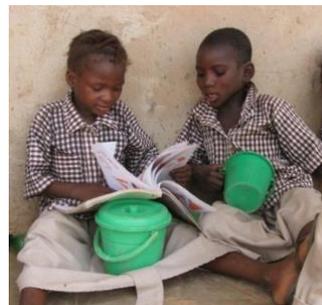


According to the USAID update to the country's Humanitarian Response Plan: Overall, 1.3 million people in Burkina Faso urgently require

humanitarian assistance in 2019 due to the effects of conflict, food insecurity, malnutrition and natural disasters.

As we begin this new school year, we would appreciate your prayers...

- for the students, especially the new students who will be exposed to the Gospel message for the first time.
- for students to have open hearts, healthy bodies and quick minds.
- that all experience a peaceful and successful school year.
- for safety of students and the entire ACTS staff.



We wish all of our friends and partners in the USA a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. The Lord is faithful.

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