



Restoring dignity smoothing sorrows

During his earthly ministry, Jesus put a stress in restoring people cast out dignity and smoothing sorrows by healing, showing compassion. We, in African countries are living in a time many people are losing their dignity because of the AIDS epidemic, widows left behind died, orphans are living in deep sorrow and as Christians, it is vital to share love with them and help them have a sense of hope in their lives. This is what ACTS ministry is endeavoring to do with widows, orphans and different young people in difficult situation. During the month of May, ACTS ministry has been able to help a young boy who was walking 15 kms everyday back and forth for his school, by purchasing him a new bicycle. The day the bicycle was given to him, the pastor of the church prayed and gave it to John-Peter (*Photo on top*). The pastor of the village was thankful to god for this help provided to this orphan who is in the first year of secondary school. ACTS ministry in Burkina Faso is right following 12 orphans and 9 widows in the village of Saonré where we are raising chicken to get support to help them. The group of children and young people showed on photo below. In this group Evelyn 16 old girl, the second one on the bench is epileptic. We have found some medicines and started to treat her. Another group of 5 orphans whose mom and dad died of AIDS and are taken care by their grand mother just received a bag of 100 kg of corn because the children were eating only once a day. All these people as we are entering into the raining season have received medicines for malaria treatment. All these actions are only small beginnings because the needs are great. We would appreciate your prayers to be available and equipped with the right people to be on the side of these needy people to contribute in smoothing their sorrows and restoring their dignity by sharing our love with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

ACTS ministry needs a well to give to widows an opportunity of growing vegetables for sales.

Sponsors for the school fees of the orphans and medicines and clothing.

Means to have a building to host some orphans and widows who are almost homeless and also be able to feed them with lunch everyday, when we meet them.

Thank you very much for help us bring love and hope to widows and orphans in Burkina.

God bless you,

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