



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

**“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.” Psalm 68:5**

Rain is welcome in Burkina Faso

Most of the year Burkina Faso is a hot, dry land. Water is necessary for life. Pray that the fields receive rain so that they can produce grain. The livelihood and life of the villagers depends upon the abundance of rain.



In June and July villagers keep a watchful eye on the weather. When the rains begin villagers rush out to the fields to plant.



In the rainy season roads may become impassable. At times it is even difficult to get to the ACTS Center.

Rain is important to the economy of Burkina Faso. Without it, crops fail and people starve. When there is too much rain, seed and seedlings are washed away. People go hungry.

There is another rain that is necessary for life in Burkina Faso. It is the rain of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the eyes and ears of the villagers will be opened to the goodness of the Lord.

As ACTS ministers to the physical needs of widows and orphans, they also minister the love of the Savior. There is a door of opportunity open in Burkina Faso for the Gospel to be proclaimed. We don't know how long the door will be open, so we are working steadily on community outreach.

In the month of May, 26 children and adults were baptized at Temple El Roi. The Lord is faithful and looks after widows and orphans. He promises that those who seek Him will find him.



As a result of ACTS continuing evangelism campaign 26 orphans and adults from the villages were baptized.

The sick are shown compassion of the Lord



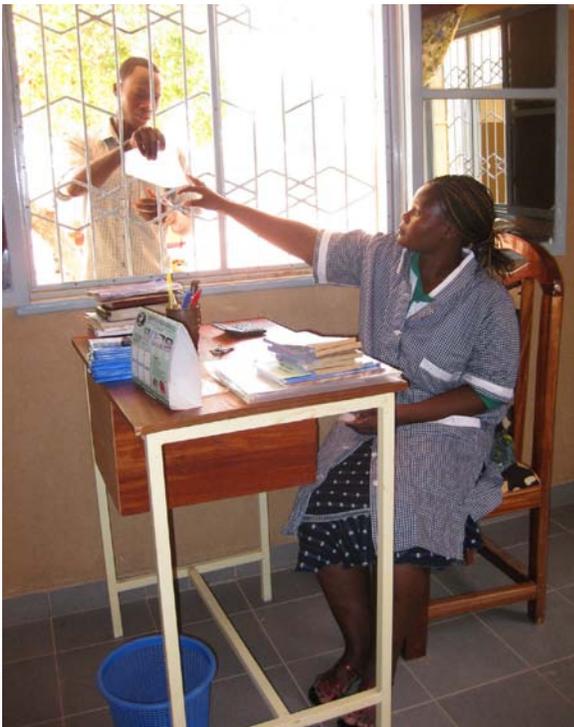
A sore on an orphan's leg is treated with care by Nurse Rachel at the Ellel Medical Center



First baby delivered at the Ellel Maternity Ward



Secondary school student receiving prescription for medicine from Nurse Rachel



Prescription picked up by the student at the dispensary

The Ellel Medical Clinic began seeing patients in May and has already been an effective witness for Christ among students and adults from the community. The facility is unique in Burkina Faso as it was founded to help the poor.

Widows received medical cards so that they could receive treatment at greatly reduced rates. There is a special plan for orphans so that they can receive medical attention at no cost.

There is no other hospital within walking distance to the villagers. Even if villagers could reach Ouagadougou, government hospitals require that they pay fees up front. Poor villagers do not have money to pay these fees.

More equipment is needed for Ellel

Equipment, furniture and supplies are still needed to completely outfit the Ellel Medical Center. If you have any contacts in the medical field or know of an agency that would donate items, we would be happy to follow up with them.



Three beds were donated by Burkinabé businessmen



One of the unfurnished ward rooms at Ellel that is waiting for beds and other supplies

We are grateful to our partners in the work

We are amazed at the provision of the Lord. He moved on partners who are faithfully giving towards the medical program. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts.

The Lord promised to come to the aid of widows and orphans and He is doing just that in Burkina Faso.

When you see the smiles on the orphans, you would understand that they value what is being done for them.

Students are working hard at the ACTS schools to do excellently. Students from the Center are doing well on their final exams. For this we praise the Lord. By the end of June we will have statistics from the exams.

In Burkina, final exams determine if a student will be allowed to continue in school. Exams are also used to determine the course work for higher education. Students don't choose their own courses.



Students from one of the Secondary School classes

Continue to pray for us

- Remember to pray for the staff of the newly opened Ellel Medical Center as they provide treatment and spiritual support for the poor of the community around the ACTS Center.
- Pray for rain to come to Burkina Faso so that villagers can plant their fields. Pray that the

food produced will be enough to feed the poor during the rest of the year.

- Join us in praising the Lord for the refreshing spiritual rain of the Holy Spirit in Burkina. Also pray for the spiritual outreach campaigns planned for the summer months.
- Thank the Lord for the dedicated teachers and students at the ACTS schools.
- Also pray for the Lord to strengthen and encourage Joanna and the ACTS staff. They are on the front lines of the spiritual battle.

There is much to do for the poor in Burkina Faso. ACTS continues to show God's love to the poor. To do this we need your gifts and prayers.



Thank you for your loving concern you have

Joanna and the orphans say thank you to all our partners

towards the poor. We ask God to provide for your own needs as you assist the poor.

Yours very sincerely,

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