



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

Twenty-five women and children accepted the Lord during a two-day evangelistic campaign at the end of January. Women involved with ACTS and the village church were responsible for inviting others to come to the meetings. The first day, 750 attended and the second day there were 975! The women of Saonré did an amazing job of announcing the meetings.

Meetings included a short spoken message, a film directed towards women’s needs, music and afterward those who wanted to talk with someone were given that opportunity. Women and children came forward during time set aside for prayer. Some of those who attended the meetings had never heard the message of Salvation before. Some of them come from Muslim families.



Pastor Ezekiel Kiemtoré of Saonré said, “with your help, people I could not get to hear the Word of God have heard it. Women are happy because they say their husbands are going to stop treating them badly as they

heard the Good News. I am expecting more people to come to church with this campaign”.

Joanna Ilboudo, ACTS founder and executive secretary, met with 65 widows who were in desperate need for counselling after she conducted a Bible teaching. Then, Joanna and the medical assistant and psychiatrist, Sally Yaméogo, held individual psychological counselling and prayer sessions for personal needs. Each widow was given 10 kgs of rice to take home.

After the rice distribution, some of the women said, “The time you spent with us to counsel us and pray for us was precious and sufficient for us even if we did not get the rice.”

Yolande Pamtam, 7 years old, and her mother attended the meeting. Yolande is paralyzed and needs a wheel chair as she is getting too heavy for her widowed mother to carry. Her mother asked if she could be enrolled in the ACTS income-generating activities to earn income for the family. She also asked if Yolande could attend ACTS quick start educational program for orphans.



Yolande and her mother

Yolande’s mother said, “I am glad that you are willing to look for solutions for my daughter. She talks and I think she is brilliant, but the biggest problem is that she cannot walk and this is a big burden for me. I am also thankful to you for all the counselling we received. We have gained courage because someone thought we have worth and took time to talk and pray for us. This is something of great value that money cannot buy.”

Libya and other Muslim countries show the financial wealth and power of Islam in Burkina Faso. A large hotel, bank and a convention center have been built in the capital city of Ouagadougou by Libya.

Even mosques in rural areas have been given finances to entice women to come to the mosque to learn how to read the Koran. Women are given \$2 a day to come.

If her children are starving, no mother will let an opportunity like this go by. Her children will remember that the mosque was their source during famine times. ACTS steps in to assist the poor and brings with the food and other assistance the truth of the Word of God.



ACTS vocational instructor and two sewing students

A widow whose children are sponsored by ACTS testified: “At the beginning I did not want to attend your meetings because I thought ACTS would be just like others who didn’t give us anything that would give us a future. But since I have been coming here I can see that you are building people up spiritually but also materially. So I say thank you to God for the opportunity I have here.”

With 30 years of African campaigns, evangelist Reinhard Bonnke says “Today is the day of an open door for evangelism in Africa.” ACTS says this is the time for the church to use all means to advance the Gospel in the West African country of Burkina Faso. The message of the Gospel coupled with ACTS training programs shows the poor of Burkina Faso how to break the bonds of poverty and gives them hope for the future.

The training received through ACTS outreach gives rural poor the opportunity to see that Jesus Christ cares for them and will provide for them both today and tomorrow.

Equipment Need – Computers – new and used

ACTS needs both desktop and laptop computers. If you’d like to donate towards the purchase or give a computer as a gift, please contact us at actsministry05@sbcglobal.net.

Praise

We praise the Lord for saving women and children as a result of ACTS evangelistic campaign.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for several campaign planned for February through April.
- Grain mill is needed. A mill to grind grain would greatly shorten the time spent in meal preparation and bring income for ACTS on-going program.
- Dryers for vegetable and fruit drying. More dryers are necessary for this program. An international market has already been secured for selling the dried products.
- A vehicle is needed for ACTS so that Joanna can get to the villages. She has been without a reliable vehicle for a number of months.

Salvation has come to those who lived in hopelessness because you partnered with ACTS Ministry. Villagers see the love of Christ in tangible ways and are drawn to Him. Thank you for being a partner in this life-changing ministry to vulnerable women and orphans in Burkina.

Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Fight for the rights of widows. Isaiah 1:17



Orphans leaning on a table they just built

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