



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

“They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” 2 Corinthians 9:9

The Lord restores orphans

The children at the ACTS Center thank you for sending gifts for their care and education.

Orphans at the ACTS Center feel part of a family as they receive all they need to thrive. Through the loving staff they perceive the value they have in Christ.



9-year-old Jules Bado, shown here with Joanna Ilboudo, received the “best student award” for 2008-2009

Orphans from the villages can suffer the ravages of malnutrition. Lack of proper food can affect their minds as well as their physical wellbeing. Rejection and fear affect their spiritual life.

We thank the Lord for his restoring and healing power.

It is such a joy to see development of a sickly, frightened child with no vision for the future to gain confidence in the Lord. Many

orphans have potential to do well in school. Their vision is enlarged to include a productive future. What a difference your assistance, prayer, and nutritious meals make in a child’s life!

Jules Bado, came to the Hope Center with severe malnutrition in 2008. His life has completely changed. He is preparing for his future because he received your help.

It is such a pleasure to report that Jules was given the award for the best student for 2008-2009.

At the closing ceremony for the school year, Joanna asked villagers who were present to guess Jules’ age. They thought Jules was 5 or 6 years old! She told them he is 9 years and that his condition has improved with the medication and vitamin enriched food he is receiving.

Jules is an inspiration to everyone. He is determined to work hard and succeed. Jules proclaims, “I want to be a doctor in the future!”



Only a part of the student body at the ACTS Center school. Students from the orphanage and students from the village along with their families attended the award ceremony at the end of the school year 2008-2009

Children who finished the year with the highest marks in their schoolwork received awards. But as top student, Jules also received his own bank account so that he can begin saving for his future studies.

We are also pleased to report that the students in their last year at the ACTS primary school succeeded in their exams, allowing them to advance to secondary school. Students who were at their last class in secondary were also successful in their exams.

One young graduate of the ACTS school, Simon Kaboré, plans to attend nursing school next year. After two years Simon will be able to earn his living and support his poor mother who lives in a village about 30 kms from the Hope Center.

This is our prayer for all the children: that their lives will be transformed and that hope for the future will be restored as they learn about the Lord's plan for their lives.

We would like to add special appreciation to all who have contributed financially and have prayed for the school year: you have scattered your bread on the water and your investment has brought positive change in the lives of poor children. Your sacrifice of giving has not been in vain.

Ellel Medical Center Update

During the last two weeks of June five babies were delivered at the Ellel Medical Center. And 166 new patients came for treatment at Ellel.



The delivery room at Ellel Medical Center is getting lots of use

Villagers are very pleased to have medical assistance close to them and are thankful for everything that has already been provided by ACTS.

A video of the Ellel Medical Center dedication can be viewed on the ACTS website. Link to: www.acts-burkina.org/php/e_video_ellel.html

The dental wing, built in 2007, is an important part of the medical program for orphans and widows.

Dental care is not readily available in the country. The cost for dental care prohibits villagers from seeking dental care even if they could reach a dental office in Ouagadougou.



Dental care is rare for Burkina Faso but is available at the Ellel Medical Center for the orphans and villagers through the gifts of dental equipment from Britain and the US

The healthcare available at the Ellel Medical Center is part of the ACTS philosophy to bring hope to the hopeless. The Ellel Medical Center demonstrates the love of God in a tangible way.

We need you to continue to pray on behalf of ACTS medical program. The government health department requests that the Ellel Medical Center must hire more staff and obtain additional equipment because of the type of health services offered to patients.

Construction programs

A church in the US has generously given towards the construction of Temple Evangélique El Roi. The church will be moving from its temporary tabernacle to the new church in October. What a wonderful blessing for the villagers.

The Discipleship School will be built as the second floor above the secondary school. This will give needed classrooms for Bible courses. These courses will be offered to villagers, lay leaders and local pastors.

Few village pastors have had formal training in Burkina Faso, so they are looking forward to the opportunity to study. Courses will be part of the curriculum for secondary school students.

Please pray for us

We would then appreciate your prayers for the following:

- ✓ Link with electricity from the city; we are using a generator but it is costly to run it day and night with petrol and also it cannot last long; the estimate cost for us to connect to electricity from the city is \$35,000, which shows you how impossible it is for poor villagers to have electricity.
- ✓ A proper ambulance to transport patients in critical situations to the national hospital until we receive more equipment and staff for the Center. At the moment we do not have staff and equipment to deal with extreme cases.
- ✓ That funds for completing the construction of Temple El Roï and the Bible College are donated. And that the fluctuating costs of supplies won't affect the acquisition of building materials for the construction projects.

Join us in thanking the Lord for:

- ✓ A successful academic year for students at the ACTS schools.
- ✓ Giving hope to orphans and widows and enlarging their vision for the future.
- ✓ Opening the hearts of villagers to receive the Gospel and the opportunities given for the staff of the Ellet Medical Center to share His love.
- ✓ Keeping the orphans free from meningitis, polio, measles and other life threatening diseases.

Thank you

This letter is just a small glimpse of our activities. Please accept our deep gratitude for your prayers and assistance.

You are really making a difference in the lives of poor women and children. You are bringing transformation both physically and spiritually to suffering widows and orphans.



May the Lord continue to bless and reward you according to 2 Corinthians 9: 8!

“And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Yours very sincerely,

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