



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

Heavy rains cause damage to homes

ACTS Ministry cares for 180 widows and 725 orphans in Saonré and Wisga. Each needs your prayers especially now after the weather has caused a lot of damage in the village of Saonré. In Burkina Faso even the smallest loss can make the difference between life and death for the poor.

This year the rainy season has caused flooding as the ground cannot soak up the extra water. Houses are made of adobe bricks and as the water swirls around the walls, they collapse. More than twenty-two widows in Saonré and Wisga have lost their homes. Among them are:

Nikiéma Asseta; Yanogo Suzanne, Nikiéma Tanga; Kafando Gomnoaga; Zongo Pascaline; Tondassé Bibata; Kabré Valentine; Zongo Wendkouni

We thank the Lord for his protection. No one has been killed in Saonré from falling walls. Elsewhere families died as walls fell on them.

Each widow needs \$328 worth of material to reconstruct a home that will give her children a place to sleep. Each widow and children will make their own bricks to build a new home.

17 volunteers share God’s love



A 17-member volunteer team from the US helped build buildings in Saonré and taught Bible lessons to orphans and widows. They showed the Love of God in tangible ways.

The 17 volunteers from California, Germany and Colorado Springs built classrooms and dormitories for the orphans and spent special times with the orphans to express their love.

Four-year old Abdou says, *“I am going to visit my friends one day in the United States because I want to see them again.”*

Abdou longs to see his friends from America. Abdou’s mother abandoned him when she could not care for him after her husband (Abdou’s father) died. Now, every time the ACTS’ truck pulls into the village he runs toward it hoping to see his friends from the West.



The smile on this young orphan from Saonré shows how much joy he received from the volunteer team.

The volunteer team gave new clothes and bicycles, taught Sunday school lessons and gave lots of hugs. The team brought big smiles to the children’s faces.

“When you write to our friends from the US, please tell them that we have been touched by their love and we lack words to express our gratitude.” Says Fatouma Kaboré who is in

charge of mobilizing widows and the community.

Building program for the ACTS Center



ACTS provides safe drinking water for orphans and widows. A second well is needed for the medical center and a third well is needed for ACTS work in the village of Wisga.

The ACTS building program continues as the ministry program expands. For instance, a group in Britain has donated dental equipment. This equipment will be put in place at the end of October. The medical clinic will need to be finished by that date.



ACTS provides two meals a day for hungry orphans.

A recent gift from Samaritan's Purse came just as food had run out.

The Lord watches over the poor and defends them.

School begins in October

For the children in the villages, school begins in October. ACTS is in need of 10 bicycles for older orphans to go to secondary school. One bicycle costs \$82.

Preventative HIV/AIDS education

ACTS medical program includes classes on HIV/AIDS preventative education. Some of the widows and orphans have gone for voluntary testing. Those who tested positive are receiving medical care. Pray that the Lord will show mercy on them and allow the treatment to have good results. Pray for those who have not accepted Christ as Savior.

Thank you for your gifts

Thank you for responding to the needs of the poor. The enclosed response card allows for you to designate your gift to a particular ministry program.

Prayer Requests and Praise

- Pray for the widows who have lost their homes. Thank the Lord for his protection during this unusually harsh rainy season.
- Thank the Lord for providing food for the feeding program. When we received a donation from Samaritan's Purse, we had run out of food.
- Pray for the Lord to provide funding for construction and outfitting of the ACTS Medical and Dental Center and Chapel.

Thank you for partnering with ACTS Ministry. Your prayers and gifts make a real difference in the lives of the poor.

Yours in Christ,

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