



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

*“Providing love and hope for mother and child”*

## News from Burkina

Thank you very much for your gifts that brought hope to the hearts of widows and orphans in Burkina Faso during 2006.



*Orphans in Saonré say thank you for remembering them in 2006.*

Grateful orphans and widows who benefited from your assistance give these testimonies:

Minata a widow with 5 children says:

**“I am very overwhelmed by the assistance I received through ACTS Ministry. ACTS taught me how to support the family and my children attend school because I can pay their school fees. But more important...one of my girls was water baptized; this gives me peace. I know she will walk in a way that pleases God.”**



*Girls help with the care of younger siblings while their mothers attend ACTS classes.*

Gideon, an orphan boy of 15 who must care for his 3 brothers and sisters, grows vegetables to sell. He is thankful for ACTS.

**“I am glad. ACTS Ministry gave me a bike so I can go to work in the garden some distance away from the village where I grow vegetables to support my siblings.”**



*Gideon's bike stands behind his sister and brother pounding grain in the traditional way.*

**“The Ministry in the village of Saonré, the rural community of Komsilga contributes tremendously to the development of the community; we are thankful for what has been done. As administrators of the community we will work alongside to make your task easier. We ask God to help you in all your plans for future.”**

These words are from the Governor who met ACTS Ministry board members. We praise God for his favour.

### **Become an ACTS Partner**

Partner with ACTS Ministry this year. Share God's love and foster hope and dignity in the hearts of widows and orphans. Here's how your donations can help in 2007:

- \$ 30 Food for one orphan for a week
- \$ 67 Training for one widow or orphan to learn an income producing trade.
- \$ 50 25 small animals to raise for meat
- \$ 160 One treadle sewing machine

\$ 500	Garden project supplies for 50 orphans (seeds, fertilizer, pesticide, watering can, wheelbarrow, hoe)
\$1,513	Soap making supplies for one year
\$1,750	Produce one training manual
\$3,500	Health care for 150 orphans
\$4,500	Cost of mill to grind grain

### Praise and Prayer

Because you have prayed and contributed in various ways in 2006, **ACTS Ministry** has been able to minister to widows and orphans and other vulnerable people in many ways.

### Praise for what He has done

- Fed 150 orphans who would not have regular daily meals;
- Paid school fees for orphans who could not pay, enabling them to attend school;
- Provided medical care to 150 orphans who suffer with various sicknesses;
- Offered prevention from meningitis and malaria;
- Drilled a 48m deep well bringing potable water to villagers who had to go far to find water;
- 80 widows and other women attended literacy classes that lifted them out of ignorance, a root cause of poverty;
- Produced books in local languages to support ACTS literacy classes and made these books available to churches and other ministries in rural areas;
- Trained 80 women how to financially support themselves through income producing activities such as soap and butter production, vegetable drying and sewing projects
- Buildings have been built for income generation programs and vocational training
- Through Bible studies and other teaching, women and orphans gave their lives to the Lord. This is the most important outcome of all.

### Prayer Requests

- 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.

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.

Yours in Christ,

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President  
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May the Lord bless you this year according to his Word in Psalm 41:1-3:

*God blesses those who are kind to the poor.  
He helps them out of their troubles.  
He protects them and keeps them alive; he  
publicly honors them and destroys the  
power of their enemies.  
He nurses them when they are sick and  
soothes their pains and worries.*

*Psalm 41:1-3*

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