



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

**“Give fair judgment to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.”
Psalm 82: 3-4**

Rescued from the effects of poverty

Jules, now 9 years old, was severely malnourished when brought to the ACTS Hope Orphanage. At the ACTS Center he is overcoming the affects of years of poverty and sickness. Your prayers combined with the loving care received from our nurses and staff is making a difference in his life.



Jules says, **“I am going to work hard in class because I want to be someone great in the future.”**

We are so very pleased to report that Jules was top in his class in school. This is a miracle showing how much the Father above loves little children.

We praise God for giving Jules new life and strength. His testimony of transformation exemplifies just one of the lives touched by your giving to ACTS Ministry in Burkina Faso.

Spiritual, physical and mental growth for orphans like Jules is at the heart of every one of ACTS programs.

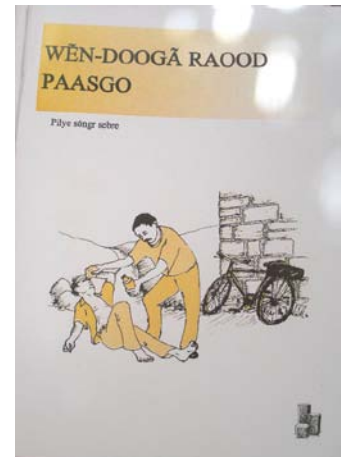
Empowerment for orphans and widows comes from Biblical training, vocational skill building

programs, literacy projects and the production of books for spiritual and physical development.

ACTS Publishing arm – Editions Contact

One of the ways ACTS upholds the rights of the poor is by publishing books and holding training seminars.

ACTS publishing program provides materials for programs at the ACTS Center. But there are other publishing projects such as a magazine for the general readers called *Contact* and books for the Christian readers on church history, growth and leadership. Other booklets deal with safety and health issues for families. Books are published in various local dialects and French.



During the year, ACTS regularly holds seminars on how to effectively use literature to inform and train the poor. These seminars, held in various places, serve individuals from several language groups.

Seminar for community leaders and pastors



On the last day of March, a large group of Mooré speaking pastors, church leaders and community

mobilizers met at the ACTS Center compound. They learned how to use ACTS publications in their work with the poor. ACTS staff and volunteer workers showed the group how the effectively use the books to encourage community development on various fronts.

For example, one session was held on how to use the books to instruct individuals who are illiterate. The group asked for more training sessions.

Books published by Editions Contact include Mobilizing the Church, Microcredit, HIV/AIDS, Community Cooperation and Safe Storage of Grain and other Foodstuffs. These assist church leaders and others who work with the poor.

A few participants of the recent training session gave testimony to the assistance given by ACTS publications and training sessions.

Pastor Jean Baptiste



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“I am young but I can see that this way of equipping church leaders is an innovation.

“This kind of ministry did not exist before. It empowers the church.

We are privileged to benefit from such a ministry.

“Because of the hard work done by ACTS to provide us with tools to help our people, the people will respect and honor us in the villages where we are serving the Lord. We are thankful to God for ACTS work in the district of Komsilga.”

Salamata Koanda, a women’s leader and a widow

“This training session on how to use ACTS books that contribute to empowerment both physically and spiritually has opened my eyes and enriched me. I believe we would receive even greater benefits from another session.”



Salamata Koanda

Pastor Benjamin



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“We are thankful for this initiative of training us as leaders; because we are ‘pillars’ in our churches and community.

“The topics we examined during the training equip us to be more efficient in what we are doing and we thank God for opening the way for us to learn about ACTS literature.”

Kafando Justine, a women's leader

“My mind was opened by this training session. I can say that this training was organized just for me.

“What I learnt equips me to be effective in my role in the church and the community.”



Kafando Justine

This year ACTS is planning to go in 4 different districts to meet pastors and women's

leaders as we have done in Komsilga, always with the same objective, empower them with the written word in their own local languages.

Additional ways you can help the poor.

- If you are looking for a unique gift idea for a birthday or anniversary, we have a few items made by women and orphans in our vocational program.

Thinking **green**? We have reusable shopping bags made by widows.

We also have items hand loomed by widows such as place mats and table runners. There are also tie-dyed table cloths and napkins for sale.

Besides providing a unique gift, your purchase would provide money for ACTS vocational teaching programs.

If you are interested in purchasing, write to: actsministry05@sbcglobal.net

- Sign up with “Good Search” on the Internet and choose ACTS Ministry, Wheaton, IL as your designated charity. They will send contributions to ACTS Ministry if you use them for your Internet searches. Their link: www.goodsearch.com
- Check our website for more information about current projects and events. www.acts-burkina.org

We are in need of donated medical supplies, medicines and equipment. If you know of any agency

Please pray for us

- Ask the Lord to provide funding for the Christian outreach through ACTS publishing ministry.
- Remember to pray for Pastor Kaboré, the pastor of the church at the ACTS Center, Temple El Roi. Pray for the Lord to keep him and his family safe.
- Thank the Lord for the growth of the church especially among women and children.
- Also 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.



Sally Yameogo,
Coordinator for ACTS
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Few people in the world today are exempt from financial stresses. We thank you for your sacrificial giving and ask God to provide for your own needs as you assist the poor.

Yours very sincerely,

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