



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

## News from Burkina

*“I’ve been struggling to keep my brothers and sisters alive since our mom and dad died of AIDS. Until ACTS came to our village I didn’t have much hope for our future. Now I’m beginning to think we might be able to survive.”* Christine had almost given up all hope of keeping her brothers and sisters alive without money to buy food and no skills to earn a living.

James 1, verse 27 reads: “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

ACTS Ministry endeavors to fulfill this verse through our care of widows and orphans in Burkina Faso.



*Thank you for looking after orphans and widows in distress.*

ACTS received status as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Burkina Faso. This means the government recognizes and appreciates the work done by ACTS in the country.

### **ACTS Dedication Celebration in Saonré**

Recently an official dedication of ACTS Ministry took place in the village of Saonré. Honored guests from the

We are grateful to the Lord for the growth of the ministry during recent months. Partners like you have joined others to provide for villagers.

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government, churches and friends from the capital city of Ouagadougou filled the village. Village widows like Christine were able to tell their stories to all.



*Widows told how their hope was kindled by the love and assistance given by ACTS.*

The governor of the region said he wanted ACTS to provide literacy classes for widows and orphans in the 38 villages within his jurisdiction. We praise God for his favor.

Because of your partnership with ACTS, widows and orphans learn about God’s love for them. ACTS Ministry promotes:

**Self Esteem:** during his life on earth Jesus spent many hours with those who were hurting. He touched them, spoke to them, healed them and gave them hope. He let them know they had value.



*Orphans enjoyed the free pop and spaghetti after ACTS dedication ceremony.*

**Empowerment for women:** By offering literacy classes, Bible studies, teaching on health care, hygiene, human rights and vocational training, ACTS allows women to take their place in society.

**Hope for the future:** Not all children are able to go to school. Village orphans face many barriers to stop them from receiving an education. By providing books, other necessary supplies, school fees, and by vocational training, orphans are given a vision for their future.

**Evangelism:** Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is a positive natural expression of the Christian faith. We provide teaching and literature to encourage spiritual growth and show widows and orphans how to share their faith with others. Our books, textbooks and magazines and other literature address the specific needs of women and children in their own language.

Christine sends thanks to all who have given to ACTS Ministry. She says, “Thank you for providing rice for us when we had nothing to eat. I’m anxious to finish my reading lessons. I can’t believe I have such a great opportunity. I’m going to work hard at learning how to raise chickens to provide for our family.”

Ministry provides food for children who are victims of AIDS. And it provides vocational training so that women like Christine can grow food, raise animals and gain vocational skills.



Sign at the edge of the village of Saonré

We are very grateful to God who is gathering supporters for ACTS to bring God’s love to the most vulnerable in Burkina Faso, like Christine and her brothers and sisters.

### Short-term mission opportunity

We invite you to Burkina Faso to build a dormitory and kitchen for orphans and

widows on the ACTS site in Saonré. You can find more information at [www.shorttermmissions.com](http://www.shorttermmissions.com). Search for the project description under “Burkina” or “construction” and you’ll find, “Helping Widows and Orphans in Burkina Faso, West Africa.”

### Gifts are tax deductible

In the US, ACTS Ministry is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit ministry. Your gifts are tax deductible.

### Partner with us in Prayer

We have just located a company that digs wells for a lower cost. This is still a priority need for ACTS. A well provides clean, reliable water. We give thanks to the Lord for



Thank you for praying!

those who have already given towards a well. The cost will be \$5,000 for a well that will be ready for electric or solar power in the near future. We still need \$4,000. Pray for those who are able and have willing hearts to give towards this project.

Pray for a good response to the HCJB short term mission project to construct dormitories. Pray that volunteers will be a cohesive group that is able to accomplish much.

Pray for young women in the literacy classes as they put their reading skills to the test and learn about new income generating ideas.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers

*As for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.*  
Micah 7:7.

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