



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

## News from Burkina

*“Today, with assistance from ACTS Ministry, I can say that famine is no longer a daily threat. Because of ACTS, we are privileged to have at least one meal a day.”* This is Mary’s testimony, a widow with three children in the ACTS feeding program in the village of Saonré.

When Mary lost her husband she thought her situation was hopeless. She had no education and had no way to feed her children, rent a house or provide necessities for them.

ACTS director (Joanna Ibouodo) noticed Mary had organizational skills and asked her to take charge of the cooking team for the orphans feeding program. Now her children are fed and she earns a small salary to support the needs of the family. Mary is grateful to the Lord for opening this door of opportunity for her family. Her children, once malnourished, are getting stronger physically and mentally because of proper care. Mary’s story is just one from the village of Saonré.



*Widows preparing bowls of food to be Distributed among the orphans.*

We are very grateful to God who is slowly gathering people together to support ACTS in bringing God’s love to the most vulnerable in Burkina Faso, like Mary and her children.



*Orphans eating beans mixed with couscous made with corn.*

### **Meningitis Immunization**

A recent gift to ACTS enabled our medical staff to give immunization to the 300 orphans at Saonré to protect them against meningitis. The threat of meningitis is real. Children from the area surrounding Saonré have been victims of the deadly disease. We are giving thanks to the Lord for his protection over the orphans.



Immunization against meningitis

### **End of School for Orphans and Graduation for Widows**

A celebration is being planned for the end of the school year. ACTS gave orphans the money to pay necessary fees to attend school. Without these gifts, orphans would not learn the skills necessary to earn a living. This great celebration is set for the month of June. The official leader for the day will be the Minister of Social Action in Burkina. This is a great honor for ACTS Ministry and the orphans. Also

in attendance will be the UNICEF Representative, guests from other international organizations and local governmental authorities.

The widows graduating from the first level of the ACTS literacy program will be honored as well. They will have a break between literacy courses to allow them to work in the fields during the rainy season. Because Burkina Faso is located in the dry Sahel region of Africa, the widows need to take advantage of the rain to plant and care for their small fields.

Please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom in organizing the day. Thank the Lord for giving us the means to send the orphans to school and for helping the widows in their literacy studies. The widows are doing so well that they are asking for more books to read!

#### **Funds received for publishing books**

We are grateful to the Lord and the foundations that have provided funds for five books to be published in various languages. These will be ready by July.

Foundations for Christian Living in French  
Micro Credit in Mooré and Dioula  
AIDS, hygiene and sanitation in Dioula

#### **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. HCJB is organizing the team. If you are interested, send a message to us.

#### **Gifts are tax deductible**

ACTS Ministry is a not-for-profit ministry. All gifts are tax deductible. In Burkina Faso ACTS Ministry is a registered NGO (non-governmental agency).

#### **Partner with us in Prayer**

The most critical need is for a well that will provide clean, reliable water. It is necessary for the live of the village and ACTS programs such as vegetables

growing and livestock farming. The well will cost \$7,000.

Pray for HCJB as they plan for the construction team. Pray that volunteers will be wholeheartedly involved in the project.

Pray that the printing companies complete their job for ACTS publications by July.



Thank you for praying for us!

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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