



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

We praise the Lord for bringing hope and comfort to widows and orphans in Burkina Faso.

With this letter we send greetings from all involved in the ACTS Ministry projects.



The well provides abundant water!

The UN lists Burkina Faso as the third poorest country in the world. ACTS works with the forgotten poor in the country—village widows and orphans—who lack marketable skills to provide their own support

■ The first well was dug last week!

We have a 48 meter deep well with clean water. A sample water test, taken by the National Laboratory, certified that the water is pure. We want to thank everyone who gave toward the well project. We praise God for his abundant provision.

Solange, the woman in the photo above and in charge of cooking for the orphans says, *“Water from this well is very clean and clear and we are happy for the orphans who will have clean water to drink when they come for their meals. We will no longer suffer from lack of good water.”*

■ We give grateful thanks to all who prayed for rain to come to the parched land of Burkina Faso.

The rains were very welcome this year after last year’s drought. During the rainy season, the villagers of Saonré were busy planting and caring for their crops. Now it is harvest

time. On the ACTS property, we grew sweet potatoes as well as corn, beans and peanuts. This harvest will only supplement the grain and other foods needed for the children’s daily meal program.

More good news to share with you!

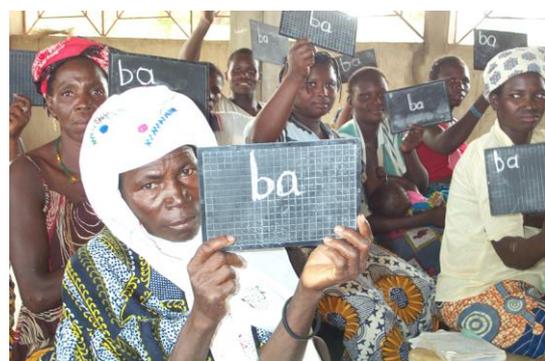
■ **ACTS will begin two new income generating activities** for poor village women. We’ve bought two solar dryers for drying fruit and vegetables. Mangos and other fruit and vegetables will be dried. We will be able to sell dried mangos on the international market! The Lord made it possible for ACTS to join a group dealing with this trade.

■ Village women will earn income through soap production beginning October 23rd.

With this program we are organizing “Self Help for Women” groups. Women come together to learn simple business principles, such as how to organize their business, plan a budget and save money. Each woman in the program receives a start up loan. When she begins earning money from the soap production, she will learn how to save a little extra each week for her family and also repay the loan to ACTS. Re-payment helps other women begin the program. ACTS teaches women how to apply solid economic principles while enabling them to provide their family. Women in the program will earn money to provide nutritious food for their growing children.

■ Women will soon begin Level 2 of ACTS literacy classes.

The women look forward to picking up their lessons again after graduating last June from the first level.



Women are anxious to get back to class and begin Level 2 of the ACTS Literacy program.

■ **Vocational training for orphans will begin in November.** There will be classes in sewing, carpentry and vegetable growing. Classes will be held in our new buildings! Again, we praise the Lord for his provision and thank you for your gifts.



Buildings are being prepared for dormitories, vocational classrooms and the drying project.

■ **Speed School begins in the fall for young children (age 8 to 10 years).** This program is for children who have not been able to go to school. The teaching is accelerated so they will be able to join a regular class after eight months of intense instruction.

■ **You still have time to join a short-term mission team**

In February 2007 the first volunteer workers will travel to Burkina Faso to build a dormitory and kitchen for orphans and widows in Saonré. Women will join with the men to share ministry to children and women. More teams are being organized. If you are interested, let us know.

Partner with us in Prayer

Pray for the volunteers as they prepare for their time with ACTS in Saonré.

Pray for all the new projects:

- Self Help for Women Groups
- Drying fruit and vegetables
- Level 2 Literacy Program
- Speed School
- Carpentry, sewing, vegetable growing
- Harvest of grain for ACTS Ministry

Thank you very much for your faithful support. Our Heavenly Father will certainly reward you for all your effort and generosity!

Rasmata, mother of three orphans says, *“ACTS has encouraged me greatly. My life is different as I am able to feed my children on a daily basis. We are thankful and pray that God continues to provide for ACTS. Two of my children are now Christians and I believe I will give my life to the Lord one day too. I can see the love of God through ACTS activities for the poor.”*

Lives are being changed by sharing love and hope through ACTS Ministry programs. Would you like to be part of this life-changing ministry to vulnerable women and orphans in Burkina? Don't hesitate to contact 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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