



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

News from Burkina

“We were overwhelmed by the number of women wanting to undertake literacy class in the village of Wisga. We went with 50 books and found more than 100 women waiting to attend the literacy class.”

This was the report of the Program Coordinator and his assistant after a trip to Wisga, the second village where ACTS is developing activities to benefit the poor and vulnerable widows and orphans.

ACTS accomplishments are far beyond our initial expectations. Literacy, feeding, vocational training and income generating activities are underway. Without your prayers and gifts, this would not be possible. Thank you so much.

Project Update - Widows

Widows are excited about the skills they are learning and are proud of all their accomplishments.

Their faces light up when showing what they have made. Before ACTS came to the village women felt powerless to help their children. Now both they and their children have skills to become productive and gained dignity.



Village women are producing soap in bars and liquid, they are drying vegetables and making clothes. Some of these products are for their use.

Others are for sale in other Burkina markets.

Fatoumata, the leader of the women in the village said,

“ACTS has helped us to gain knowledge. Before we didn’t know how to write and read, now we do both...and in addition we

know how to produce soap which is sold in the village. We don’t have to go to Ouagadougou to buy soap because there is soap right here at the ACTS Center.”



The grain mill was installed in Saonré. The women can now grind grain and nuts to eat and to sell.

Rasmata, one of the village women, said, “With the mill for the grains, we no longer walk an hour and half to Ouagadougou to grind flour for our cooking.”

Project Update – Children at Risk



For their first carpentry projects, the orphans are making benches, chairs and tables to be used right at the ACTS Center (above).



Girls are sewing dresses for themselves and family.

Three short months ago, these village orphans went hungry every day and had no skills to support themselves. They have the satisfaction of knowing they have skills for the future.

We are well aware that without help, these orphans would have become thieves, drug addicts or involved in prostitution to survive. They have been freed from the threat of a life of poverty and hopelessness because you cared to help them. They will be able to live a life of dignity and teach their future families about the Lord's goodness. You, our praying and giving friends, are making a difference in Burkina Faso.

Project Update – Medical Meningitis Epidemic

There is an urgent need for prayer and medicines to fight against a meningitis epidemic in Burkina Faso. Twenty-two districts have been declared meningitis epidemic zones and another fifteen are on alert. ACTS is in need of meningitis vaccine and antibiotics.

Last year we were able to vaccinate a number of children against this deadly disease. But we have many more children to vaccinate. Meningitis is an often fatal airborne infection that infects the brain and spinal cord. Those who survive can be left with brain damage, paralysis or blindness.

Please let us know if you have access to meningitis vaccine or antibiotics. There is also a need for at least two wheelchairs.

Sad story – happy ending

We also have seen the deliverance of a young boy who was extremely sick at the end of February.



We took Bobawendé, a seven year old village boy who had a terrible infection, to a clinic an hour and a half away by car

from the village in Ouagadougou. His sickness could not be treated in Saonré because we haven't received donations to build and launch ACTS Clinic.

He was kept overnight for tests and treatment and given medicine. He has no family except for an old grandmother who finds it difficult to care for him. Before returning Bobawendé to the village, I (Joanna) talked with him about the Lord. It is with gladness that I tell you, he accepted the Lord and promised to attend church in the village.



Bobawendé (l) and his grandmother (r)

Though we consider what we have done to be a small beginning, we feel encouraged and would like to express our deep gratitude to those who trusted ACTS Ministry and gave their assistance.

Update – Partners

The German Embassy in Ouagadougou is using ACTS Ministry as an example of relief projects for Burkina Faso. When NGOs come to them for assistance, Embassy officials tell them to visit and learn from the ACTS program.

During February, a delegation of 14 men and women from TEAR Fund visited ACTS Ministry at Saonré and Wisga. They spent several days in the villages encouraging the women and children.

They planted trees and helped women make soap. They ate lunch with the children in the feeding program. They also took time to pray on the site for the ACTS Medical Clinic to dedicate it to the Lord's work.



ACTS extends a big thank you to TEAR Fund for your encouragement and prayers. You are much appreciated by the villagers and by the ACTS staff.

NEW - ACTS Web site

Be sure to check out the new ACTS web site: www.acts-burkina.org

Praise and Prayer

- Pray for ACTS staff as they travel to the villages. Ask for their protection and for the Lord to give them wisdom as they work with the poor.
- Ask the Lord to keep the children free from diseases such as malaria, polio and meningitis.
- Praise God for salvations in the villages
- Praise God for those who sent donations for the grain mill, sewing machines, carpentry tools and dryers for vegetables
- Pray for funding to come for ACTS Medical Center.



Land has been secured for ACTS Medical Center

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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