



ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

“Providing love and hope for mother and child”

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Flash flood update

On September 1st the village of Saonré where ACTS Center operates, was severely hit by the flash floods. Village homes were destroyed. Food and belongings were lost.



This is one of the 266 village widows who received assistance because of your generosity.

Joanna Ilboudo sends grateful thanks to all who prayed for villagers affected by the flooding as well as to those contributed so generously with gifts designated for ACTS’ disaster relief plan.

Your contributions made it possible to:

- ✓ 8 tons of corn and 11 tons of rice purchased and distributed to poor widows and families hit by the flooding.

- ✓ 100 bags of 5kgs of pasta distributed to widows and their children before the beginning of school;
- ✓ 11 tons of cement to rebuild 20 homes for widows whose homes were destroyed by the floods of September 1st

This could not have been accomplished after the disaster without your help.



311 orphans and vulnerable children in the village of Saonré received soap, blankets, clothes, food, medicine and medical treatment.

As we were distributing food, clothes and blankets to widows and children at the ACTS Hope Center a man from the village of Saonré by the name of Jean Baptiste Nikièma said:

“We, the people of the village of Saonré are very grateful for ACTS. We are overwhelmed by the expression of love we witness in this village and we are asking God to give you patience and courage to continue what you are doing for the destitute among us.”



Maa Bibata, a handicapped widow, blessed the staff and work of ACTS as she received a bag of pasta, soap and material for clothing

Maa Bibata said: **“I am grateful you are here in this village to respond to our desperate needs. There was no where else to go for help. We are praying that the Lord will continue to bless and provide for your ministry towards the poor.”**

Update: Ellel Medical Center

The work of the Ellel Medical Center is progressing. In October Ellel Medical Center reached out to 546 people. This is an increase in the number served.

A regional representative from the Minister of Health gave recommendation to proceed with expansion of services provided at Ellel. The representative was impressed by the quality of care and encouraged the medical staff to continue the work that helps many people in the community.



Business office for Ellel Medical Center

Classes resume for village children

People who lost their homes in Saonré were temporarily housed at the ACTS Center. This delayed the beginning of school. School is fully operational now.



On October 29, an overflowing crowd of students, staff and villagers attended the dedication service for the new school year held at Temple El Roi.

Staff and children held a dedication service to begin the new school year with thanksgiving to the Lord. During this time we also called upon our Heavenly Father to bless and protect the children and to keep them from sickness. We asked for his provision to feed them.

ACTS schools include pre-school, primary and secondary classes for orphans and village children. Children who attend ACTS schools receive one meal a day, uniforms, textbooks and school supplies as well as access to medical treatment at the Ellel Medical Center.

Children who attend ACTS schools learn principles of faith in the Lord Jesus and have daily Bible lessons. It is wonderful to see children actively involved in prayer and standing in faith for their own needs.



These two photos show ACTS Speed School classrooms located in remote villages. Classes like these assist children who have no other way to continue in their education.



Plan to expand orphanage

Orphans who stay at the ACTS Hope Center orphanage receive all meals, clothing, medical care, education and a safe place to live.

After the flooding disaster, more village children were left homeless. Neighbours and families could no longer support extra children.

At the present time, we do not have adequate dormitory space for additional children. It is our plan to add two larger dormitories--one for boys and one for girls on the ACTS Center property.

Prayer requests:

- ✓ We would very much appreciate your prayer for the Lord's protection over the children who only have ACTS Hope Center as a place of refuge; we love them so much and do trust God to keep them every day
- ✓ Please pray for good health for all ACTS staff and wisdom to continue the work God has assigned to us in Burkina Faso
- ✓ We continue to look up to God to finish the work he has started; to provide for expansion so that additional children will have a place where they can find love and hope for their future

Thank you very much for your prayers and your generous giving. May the Lord bless you according to his word in Psalm 41!

Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor. The LORD rescues them in times of trouble. The LORD protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity and rescues them from their enemies. The LORD nurses them when they are sick and eases their pain and discomfort.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

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