



# ACTS MINISTRY – Burkina Faso

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

## News from Burkina May 2011

**“Who is like you, O Lord? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.” Psalm 35:10**

We are thankful that the Lord protected the orphans and widows during the last couple of weeks while protests occurred in Burkina Faso. It is the poor who suffer in such times. Please continue to pray for peace in Burkina.

### **Electricity expands vocational program**

Village children are restricted by poverty and cultural bias. Girls are held back from attending school or training. ACTS opens the door for boys and girls to learn professional skills such as sewing and carpentry. Those who finish training are given internships and are able to find jobs to earn a living. Pray for them to find job openings.



Electric service has come to the ACTS Center

With donations from partners and friends, ACTS has been able to connect with electrical power coming from Ouagadougou. Having electricity at the ACTS Center gives us the ability to expand vocational training to include welding to our list of skill development opportunities for the poor.

We thank the friends who helped us connect the electric service. This will also serve the Ellel

Medical Center and enable the staff to more efficiently serve patients. Thank you so much.

### **Kafando Asséta adds her thanks**

“I was born in a Muslim family. I and my three brothers and one sister were orphaned when our parents died. Before I came to Hope Center we faced many difficulties. We had little food to eat and no clothes or money to go to school. I give thanks to staff of the ACTS Hope Center for giving us a place to live and for teaching me how to sew.”



Kafando received certification as a professional seamstress.

“I finished my training and took a qualifying government exam for seamstresses. I am grateful to ACTS for their training program that made it possible for me to receive an official certificate and become a professional seamstress. It is my prayer that ACTS will be able to continue to help others as I was helped.”

### **Literacy - a significant difference**

Part of ACTS program for widows is a course in functional literacy. Upon successful completion of the three-year course and final exam, women are given an official certificate of literacy. This certificate allows them to become a business owner. Learning how to read and write isn't easy for these women. Pray for the Lord to quicken their minds.

“My name is Marguerite Kabré and I am the mother of one small child. It was not easy for me to begin the ACTS literacy program. As a child, I had not been able to go to school. I was determined to work hard to learn how to read despite the difficulties.”



Literacy transforms lives of widows

“Today I am able to read, write my name and count. These things are very important for someone like me who wants to manage my own business to provide for my child. ACTS gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills. I am grateful to ACTS for not giving up on me.”

**Update - Temple Evangélique El Roi**

Orphans, students and widows receive spiritual guidance from Bible studies, Sunday services and prayer times at Temple Evangélique El Roi. Evangelistic efforts have drawn more villagers to Sunday meetings at the church. Some of these villagers had never heard the salvation message of Jesus Christ because they come from Muslim or animist background. Please pray for the Lord to free the captives and to strengthen the church.

**Congratulations to students**

We are proud of the hard working students and dedicated staff at the ACTS schools.

Students at the primary school received good marks on their second term exams despite the political and social turbulences which closed schools for four weeks. We congratulate teachers for covering essential curriculum despite the short time class was in session and students who did well on the exams.



We are proud of our students and teachers

Exams covered 10 subjects. Scores from all exams are divided by 10 to give final grades. So on a basis of 10, here are a few of the grades for students you may know: Abdou, 6.88, Didier 7.0, Aliou 8.0, Sévérin 6.8, Joseph 6.95 and Bob 7.25.

**Meals for children**

We are looking for donors willing to give towards shipping cost of a container of vitamin-enriched meals for the orphans. We need approximately \$4,000 earmarked for shipping meals.

**You can sponsor a student**

You can sponsor an orphan. It takes but \$40 a month to sponsor an orphan at the ACTS Hope Orphanage. Sponsorship provides a safe place to live, education, medical care and nutritional meals for a child.

We believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for orphans and widows in the ACTS programs. Pray for community outreach of the Gospel. Your prayers are important for our work.

Thank you for being our partner,

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