



**Burkina Faso: A blessing to the World**

**Welcome to the January 2018 Transform Burkina newsletter. We hope you find inspiration and encouragement as you read on!**



**Well, well!**

With your support two new wells are now being drilled in Burkina Faso.

Communities in the villages of Lago and Tomba will, hopefully in the next few weeks, have access to clean accessible water as a result.

Ambitious plans to support twelve more communities with water, sanitation and hygiene training are also now getting underway and donations for this work would be welcome.



**Taking up a challenge for 2018?**

New Year, a great opportunity to set yourself new challenges?

Could one be organising a fundraising event for our work in Burkina Faso?

If so, contact us and we would love to help you to make it a success.....?

Our Executive Officer, Kevin Lawrence, is this year challenging himself to walk 1,000 miles and raise £1,000 for us, and you can find more details on our web site.



**Jedidia's story**

Jedidia (pictured with her mother) stood little chance of going to school until she was offered a Transform Burkina bursary. However, things are now very different!

Her success shows what is possible with hard work and the gifts of those who give regularly to support bursaries in Burkina Faso.

We believe education is vital, helping individuals to transform their lives and we are looking to develop and expand the bursary scheme in 2018.

Please contact us if you would like a copy of the most recent bursary report or details of how to support the scheme.



### **New, thanks to you!**

Two projects featured in recent newsletters are now underway.

A new dining room for the pupils at the Stafford Centre is under construction (pictured). Featured in our September 2017 newsletter, the old one was destroyed in a storm and funds were donated to make rebuilding possible.

Donations to the Big Give (featured in our November mailing) raised over £11,500 and work on our micro credit project will start this year as a result.



### **Bundles of January joy**

A busy New Year saw six new babies delivered in quick succession by our team of midwives at the Bethanie medical clinic.

The clinic offers maternity, ante and post-natal care and a range of other medical services to a community of over 120,000 people in Zongo, one of the informal settlements on the edge of the capital, Ouagadougou.



### **Building for the future at Soulyale**

A major expansion of one of the rural schools we support, at Soulyale, is pressing ahead to accommodate rising pupil numbers.

The pictured teachers house is already occupied, with a second house, a new classroom and toilets for the pupils all scheduled for completion in the coming months.

If you want to see this work for yourself, we would love to hear from people interested in joining us for a trip to visit or work at our projects in Burkina Faso.



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