



Burkina Faso: A blessing to the World

Welcome to the Autumn 2016 Transform Burkina newsletter. We hope you find inspiration and encouragement as you read on!



Ambitious plans at Soulyale

Working with the local community, we have developed ambitious plans for school growth at Soulyale School, a rural community in the north west of Burkina Faso.

To cope with the increasing numbers of pupils, we are aiming to support the school with new classrooms and other buildings, as well as providing other equipment such as school furniture and solar panels.

The school also plans a major tree planting scheme around the site, which will improve the local soil and environment, as well as providing shade for students during the heat of the day.



Going to the movies in Burkina Faso?

Did you know that Ouagadougou will shortly host Africa's biggest film festival?

FESPACO is a biannual event, which sees hundreds of African made films showcased. To accommodate everyone that wants to come, the opening night is held in the national football stadium!

The next FESPACO festival is due to take place in March 2017, part of a vibrant but little known film industry in Burkina Faso



Starting well

Each week, over a hundred women come to our Bethanie medical centre for ante and post natal clinics.

Serving a fast growing community of over 120,000 people on the outskirts of the capital, Ouagadougou; the centre plays a vital role in offering neo natal and maternity services to the predominantly young local population.

We aim to support this work by updating the centre's maternity equipment and offering further training for their midwives.



Sewing and singing - and raising funds for our work

Two ideas to inspire you to fundraise for Burkina Faso....

When a cupboard needed a clear out, three friends came up with a plan. Using 'too good to throw out' material they found, they set to work sewing bags, bunting and other useful things for sale; so far raising over £300 for our work.

Members of the Shrewsbury Police Male Voice Choir (pictured) will be performing a fundraising concert at a church in the town on October 14. If you are in the area, come along!

If you have a fundraising idea, we would love to hear from you.



More clean water on the way

Thanks to a generous donation from a supporter, we will shortly be beginning work on another well in the village of Ramogo.

Funds have been secured to provide a source of clean accessible water for this community of over 2,000 people and drilling is set to commence in the

next few weeks.

Contact us to find out more about supporting the provision of clean water for more people, or joining one of our drilling teams in Burkina Faso.



Check out our new web site

We have just launched our brand new web site and would love to know what you think.

The site contains more news and stories about our work as well as links to Facebook and Twitter. Please have a browse at www.transformburkina.org.uk, share it with your friends and contact us with any comments or suggestions.

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