



**TRANSFORM  
BURKINA**

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

**Welcome to the Spring 2017  
Transform Burkina newsletter. We  
hope you find inspiration and  
encouragement as you read on!**



### **A Sauce of happiness**

For Elizabeth Kabore, the new well in her village, funded by Transform Burkina supporters, is making a huge difference to her life, every day.

Elizabeth lives in Ramogo, a remote rural community in Burkina Faso. Before the well was built the nearest water source was a three kilometre walk away. Now, however, her family can access plentiful, safe water for washing and drinking close to their house. The water from the well also helps Elizabeth in the small business she runs to help supplement her income from farming; making delicious sauces and relishes for sale in the local market.

You can read more on our web site.

### **Hot, hot, hot**

In the weeks before the rains come, Burkina Faso regularly sees day time temperatures in excess of 40C.



This football field at one of our schools shows what the land looks like as communities wait for the rainy season and cooler weather.

In common with many parts of the world, Burkina has recently experienced sustained record temperatures, leading to real concerns about the impact on water supplies, soil erosion and agricultural production.

We continue to work with our local partners to support efforts to tackle the worst effects of the changing climate in a country which feels on the 'front line' of such changes.



### **Supporting Ramata's dream**

Ramata Ouedraogo is a bright, smiling 12 year old pupil at Soulyale School, whose dream is to be a teacher when she grows up.

Ramata's family are small scale subsistence farmers, who would have struggled to afford to send her to school without the support of our bursary scheme. Ramata has asked that we send her thanks to all those

who have donated to make her dream possible.

To find out how you can help more students to realise their dreams, please contact us.



### **Bringing Burkina to your church, school or group**

If your church, school or group would welcome a speaker to tell them more about our work in Burkina Faso, we would love to hear from you.

With first-hand experience of the country and the work we do, our speakers can offer your congregation, class or members a real insight into the work of Transform Burkina and the 'land of upright men'.

To enquire about speakers and available dates in your area, please get in touch.



### **Micro credit + chickens = school**

With the help of a small loan Isaac Gumbiou, from Ratyiri, now earns enough from his chicken breeding business to afford to send his children to school.

So impressed have we been with the impact that micro credit schemes, such

as the one Isaac used, can have that we are launching a larger project to offer such loans to many more people in Burkina Faso.

To read more of Isaac's story and find out how you can support our micro credit project, click [here](#).



### **When you need to go...**

Alongside the provision of clean water for communities, we are also supporting a programme to provide latrines and information about improved hygiene and sanitation.

Very few houses or schools in rural Burkina Faso have toilets and this can lead to serious health risks. To give an idea of the scale of the problem it is estimated that 20% of all children suffer from preventable illnesses associated with poor hygiene practices and inadequate sanitation facilities.

To find out more about this work and how you can get involved, click [here](#).



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