



**TRANSFORM
BURKINA**

Burkina Faso: A blessing to the World

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



Transforming futures

Members of the Parent Teacher Association at Soulyale School stand proudly on the land allocated for their school expansion.

With pupil numbers set to double in the next few years, local people have drawn up plans to expand the school and asked for our help. They aim to build new classrooms, teachers' houses and other facilities that will make Soulyale an outstanding rural primary school, offering the chance of a high quality education to 300 children a year.

Thanks to the support of individuals and trusts the building work is already underway. You can find out more on our web site.

A goat is for life.

Our new micro credit scheme is now ready for launch, making loans to small entrepreneurs to help them start up or grow their local businesses.



Small loans, for as little as £50, will allow families in Burkina Faso to start enterprises such as goat rearing, helping them to become self-reliant, with loan repayments being ploughed back into new loans in the local community.

To make a donation to help the programme get started, please use the response form enclosed.

How green is my playground?



With good soils, plentiful land and months of unbroken sunshine, the only thing lacking for a good harvest at the Stafford Centre has been water.

Home to 50 orphans as well as a primary school, the Stafford Centre can now offer home grown ingredients for orphanage meals, thanks to a new drip feed irrigation system. This is supplied by a solar powered pump, drawing water from a well.

As well as food, the scheme also allows the older children to receive agricultural training.



Cake for Burkina

Thanks to the 60+ people (not forgetting the giraffe) who recently met to eat cake in Edinburgh, over £700 was raised for our work in Burkina Faso.

Contact us if your school, group or church want to organise a fundraising event for Transform Burkina. We can provide information, ideas, leaflets and, in some areas of the country, a visiting speaker.

And, if you have a caption idea for the photo above, let us know!



Testing, testing

Clinical staff at the Bethanie medical centre seek to offer medical support to all who come through their gates.

At this time of the year, many patients come with symptoms of malaria, but doctors and nurses currently lack the equipment they need to test for this, or for many other of the diseases they may encounter.

In response, the staff are seeking help to improve the testing and laboratory

facilities they have on site. Use the response form enclosed to help with this project.



Well done, and another one planned

In our last newsletter, we reported the successful completion of a new well for the villagers of Ramogo, in the west of Burkina Faso.

Our well drilling partners will be busy on our behalf again this year as, thanks to generous support by a UK funder, another well is due to be sunk in Lago, a village that currently has no access to safe water.

Our plans include many more wells, as well as support for sanitation and training in basic hygiene. Visit our web site to find out more.



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