



Burkina Faso: A blessing to the World

Welcome to the January 2019 Transform Burkina newsletter. We hope you find inspiration and encouragement as you read on!



'Really useful' Christmas presents go to work

Thank you to all those who gave 'really useful' presents via Transform Burkina over Christmas.

We are now using the money raised to offer families badly affected by the recent food crisis, seeds, fertiliser and livestock so they can restart farming and feed their families.

If you still want to donate, you can do so on the response form.



Water is life

In a country where the majority of families lack easy access to clean water or toilets, water really is life and there remains much work to be done.

We are delighted, therefore, to be shortly launching a major new programme to provide new facilities for water, sanitation and hygiene (often known as WASH) in rural communities. Watch this space for more details.

Donations for this work would be welcome.



The work goes on

Some may have seen reports of the worsening security situation in parts of Burkina Faso, with the government stepping up measures against extremists in some border provinces of the country.

Our local partners continue to work hard to ensure the safety and security of their staff in the 'field', but advise us that the situation has not directly affected any of our projects, where work continues.



New learning opportunities

A new project to offer vocational skills to unemployed young people is now underway in northern Burkina Faso, with 70 students having already graduated.

Electrical work, sewing, tiling and carpentry are just some of the skills being taught, partly in the classroom and partly in placements with local businesses.

You can find more details about the work on our website.



A 'hole' lot of potential

This unprepossessing looking hole in the ground is set to improve health outcomes at our Bethanie health clinic.

Despite seeing hundreds of patients each week, there have so far been no toilets or public washing facilities at the clinic, with all the consequent health risks. Donations from the UK have now allowed construction to begin and

patients and their families will soon be able to benefit from the new 'facilities'.



Credit where credit is needed

The first loans are now being distributed as part of our micro credit and savings project.

Small loans are being offered to people in communities without access to banks, to help them set up their own agriculture related micro-businesses; with repayments coming back to the community so further loans can be made.

We will share stories of the difference the loans have made in future newsletters.



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