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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

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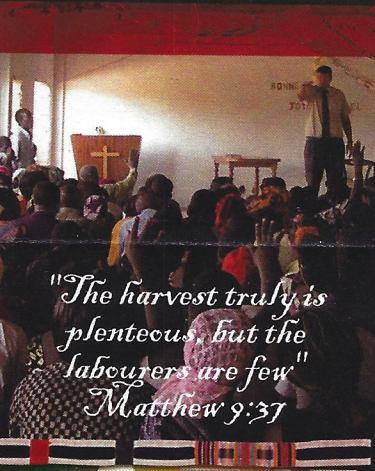
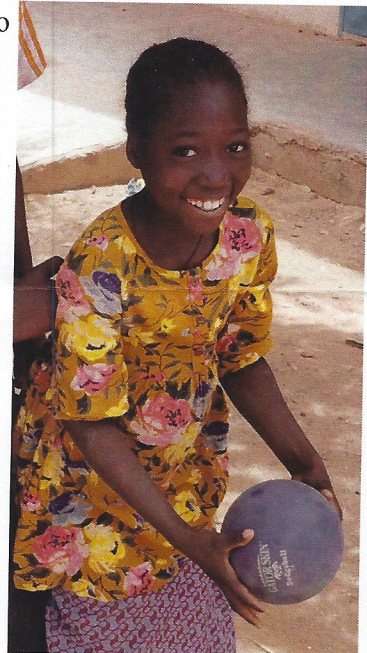
It never ceases to amaze me how good God is and how He continues to bless the work here in Burkina Faso. I have mentioned in other prayer letters about the major problem of terrorism in the country. By God's grace we are safe. Much of the country is still having major problems. Because of this terrorism, many families have had to flee their villages leaving their homes, livestock, fields, and anything else they could not travel with. I have heard, "God can draw a straight line with a crooked stick." Many times, tragedies allow God to work in marvelous ways.

One of the towns that the refugees came to was Kaya. This is the city where Pastor Konate leads a church and a small Christian school. He told me that many of these refugees were living in a refugee camp but that many still lived under trees. Two years ago, many of these children came to him wanting to go to school. We teamed up together and raised the needed funds for them to attend school. This past year more children showed up. Over 500 refugee children wanted to go to school. We did not have enough space, teachers, desks, or supplies. God greatly blessed and touched many hearts to give so that school supplies were given, desks were built, teachers were hired, and a roof was put on the main church building.

Pastor Konate has been working so hard to get the Gospel to these children. Many of them have started to come to church on Sunday. He has been doing kids Bible clubs each week. He asked me to pray because he had been teaching them about sin and what Jesus did for them and wanted to give them an invitation to come to Christ. After club one Wednesday afternoon, he sent me a picture and said that 89 children made professions of faith. Some of the mothers have been coming to church also and many have also made a profession of faith in Christ.

Thank you to those who have prayed and have given for Base Camp Burkina Faso. I genuinely believe this is one of the key elements that will help us to continue to move forward for the future. God has blessed greatly, and we anticipate God doing so much more. We had a total of \$28,825 come in since our last prayer letter. That brings us to around \$81,175 needed to finish up the first step of Base Camp. We are trying to get dorm rooms, a kitchen, all-purpose building, and general camp facilities finished so that we can run our first camp and other ministries soon on this land. I am excited and thrilled at what God is doing.

Thanks so much for all you do for us and Burkina Faso,
Keith, Rebecca, Emily, Meredith, Isaac and Caleb Shumaker



*"The harvest truly is
plenteous, but the
labourers are few"
Matthew 9:37*

