

Dear Partners and Donors of the Paradise Orphanage,

I would like in my own name, all the staff working within the orphanage and all the children living in the Orphanage to send you our warm greetings. Twelve months have already passed and now we are close to the New Year which will open very soon his door. We want before all thing wish you and your respective families a Merry Christmas. We wish that the celebration of the birth of Christ brings more happiness, peace and health in our lives, families and nations. We wish all of you a happy new year 2013.

By this letter we want to express all our gratitude and our thanks towards all the sacrifices and efforts that you have made by your financial donations. During 2012, 120 needed children were fed, cared, educated and live now in the dignity. It is not just some money that you sent for them, but a new breath of life that you restored. It is a hope that you brought through your gestures of solidarity to these children. Despite the economic difficult context in some of developed countries, you did not stop carrying these children in your hearts and to provide for their care. Thank you so much. We pray God to bless you more and that He may grant all the requests you are presenting to him.

We are taking advantage of this occasion and demand you to continue to pray for us. These few past months, the orphanage knew some serious financial difficulties. Sometimes I used to talk to God by saying:” God this is your work and we are just your tools. Are you going to let all these hopeless children return in their respective villages because there is not food to feed them, because we have nothing to encourage the workers to pursue the works?” At the same time I was always reassured because I know in my heart that He knows the situations that we are facing and certainly He’ll do something for us. We absolutely need your prayer now than ever to keep strong and continue this wonderful ministry. We encourage you to continue to support and participate in this wonderful change that we are bringing in the lives of 120 children and more people through them. Alone we are weak but together we are strong and we can impact the lives of many others. We know you have been doing so much sacrifice for this big ministry. We are convinced the Lord will never give you up. To conclude, we know a moment is coming that all workers that we are for God, will be abundantly awarded in the heaven.

In Him,

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What activities were done at the Paradise Orphanage in 2012?

120 Children are safe from malnutrition

As you already know, every year in sub-Saharan African countries many thousands of children die because of the malnutrition which is a direct consequence of the poverty. Your financial support allowed us during all the year to bring three meals a day for the benefit of all the children who are living in the orphanage. By this support we were able to save 120 children from malnutrition. Many children are testifying of the positive change of their way of living since they came at the orphanage.

70% of children obtained good average at school



The education of the children was one of our priority during 2012. To feed a child is an essential element for the appropriate growth of every child but is not however the only component for the development of a child. The education plays a major role in this process. That is why we made a commitment to contribute considerably not only to the physical, mental but also intellectual well-being of the children through their education. So your donations

for the purchasing of books, copybooks and other equipment for the children, the availability of two teachers allowed the classes to take place effectively in the school. The results were satisfactory with more than 70 % of pupils who obtained good average. After two months of holidays, the new school year started again last October with two classrooms: CE1 class with 70 pupils(or Third year of primary) and CM1 class with 50 pupils(fifth year of primary school). Next year, our first class will be in examination with the aim of their admission at a secondary school. We trust that we'll get a very good result at this exam.

Actions were run for children's Good health

We were also strongly involved in implementing actions in order to prevent the recurring cases of the children sickness in the Orphanage. These actions consisted in sensitizing the children about the importance of having a good corporeal hygiene. We used also to sensitize them about the positive effect of keeping their environment clean in the orphanage and all around on their well-being. We used also to help those involved in the food cooking about how to continually control the food hygiene during the preparation. Thanks to these actions, a change was observable and we had noticed a considerable reduction of the cases of disease of the children compared to last year (104 cases in 2012

against 156 in 2011). The malaria representing 80% of the case of sickness was the most recurrent. We are also satisfied of being able to assure a direct treatment of these cases of disease in the small infirmary in the orphanage. Only 5 rather critical cases had constrained us to have recourse to the hospital in Kaya.

Girl's dormitory on the way to be completely finished.

We have been working for the completion of few constructions that we started 2 years ago. Because of the lack of funds, we have been working on these projects progressively considering the amount available that we have and that we could use in the construction. That is why you may notice that we are still talking of building. In Burkina Faso minister of social action has transmitted to all the organizations working for kids (orphanages and day-nurseries) a document in which are described specifications that any organization should respect if it wants to exist. That is why we are working to fulfill these requirements in terms of buildings and furniture in the orphanage.

God is working in the Children's lives

On the spiritual plan, we show aloud that the Lord is working strongly in the middle of the children in the orphanage by giving each child a very special talent: the sets of drum, the groups of singers, the groups of intercession... The children have songs rehearsals every Thursdays and Saturdays evenings. The worship of Sundays is strongly livened up.

Here is a testimony of Sawadogo Soumaila and her small sister Balkissa who lost their mother a few years ago.

Because of Soumaila, his father and entire family gave their life to Jesus



Soumaila and his sister Balkissa

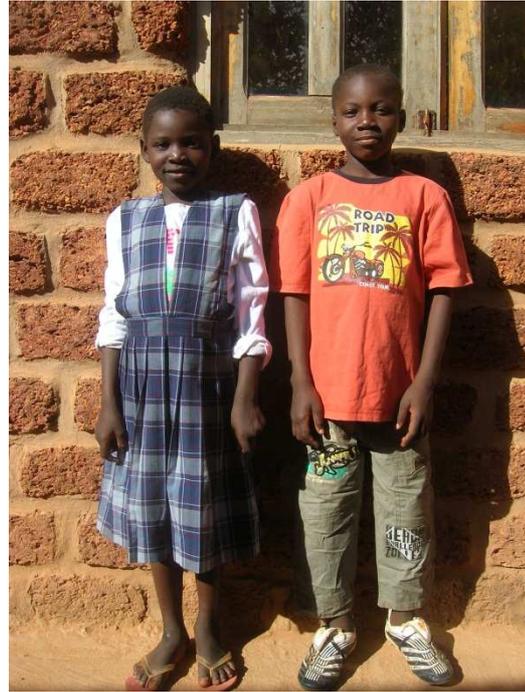
Soumaila and Balkissa's Dad is Muslim and lives with three women and has several children in a village called Boulsin. After the death of their mother, the life in the family had become very difficult. All the time, the three wives of their father spent all their time to fight against each other. Soumaila and his sister were looking for a way to leave the house. Fortunately, they have the possibility to be received at the paradise orphanage.

Soumaila and her sister have already spent 4 years at the orphanage. While living at the orphanage, they have the opportunity to visit their parents. They saw that continually there was no change and the disputes between their dad and his three wives were only getting worse. Then at that time Soumaila took his courage to

Speak about Jesus to his father and to his cruel mothers.

This year in June, 2012, Soumaila and her sister on visit again to their father found him very seriously sick and hopeless to be heal. Soumaila again spoke about Jesus to his father by saying to him: *at the orphanage, Dad Georges told us often that when somebody is in trouble and is fighting to find a way to get out, even if this person is suffering from an incurable sickness and it seems there is no way to be heal, Jesus is solution. He can heal but provided that the person believes and trust him. So you must give your life to Jesus and be healed.* A miracle was then about to come true. After many hesitations, Soumaila father finally agreed to give his life to Jesus. He began to attend a small church in their village so that the pastor can pray for him. Not long after he was recovered. A few time later his three wives having seen the miracle that Jesus has made for their husband decided too to give their life to Jesus. Through this miracle 22 persons of the family of Soumaila gave their life to Jesus. Glory to the Lord! November 25th, 2012, Soumaila father invited I and my wife Esther for their thanksgiving in this small church of his village, where he had been healed. It was really a big day for the family of Soumaila and for all of us. You see how God passes through children to glorify his name.

Karim's and his sister Mamounata lives have changed once they arrived at the orphanage.



Karim and Mamounata

Karim is 9 years old. His sister Mamounata is 8. They come from a village called Pibaore which is about 42 km from Kaya. Karim lives in a big family of 20 members. His father accidentally died during a journey. Since this misfortune event, it is their mother who cares of them. At home, Karim and her sister have two meals a day: they eat the morning and the evening. The main food was some “to” (It is a local food prepared with the use of corn flour). Once a month, they have rice to eat. For Karim:” *Since I arrived in the orphanage, my way of living has changed. I live better because we eat three times a day. I am quickly treated when I fall ill something that was not possible when I was in the village. I am attending school and I am happy for that. I know how to read and write and it gives me enormously a lot of opportunity to be able in the future to have a good work, help my mother and also contribute to the development of my country. At the orphanage, every Thursday evening and Saturday evening we have sessions of*

songs rehearsing or reading the Bible. I like very much to listen the biblical stories.”

Wendzanda is happy to study in good conditions



My name is Sawadogo Wendzanda. I am 10 years old and I come from a village which is called Goudrin. Goudrin is about forty kilometers from Kaya. I lost my mother when I had only a few months and I did not know my father. I was at first in a nursery and when I got four years; my grandmother came to take me and took care of me. My grandmother is rather old. The life was not easy for us at the village. My grandmother cultivates and we live from the income of the farming. The rainy season was not always good. She cultivated essentially mil for the eating; the Gumbo and the bean are intended for the sale. In the village I ate twice a day. The morning and the evening; it's essentially some "to" (It is a meal prepared on the base of the flour of mil or corn). We prepared very rarely some rice and the day we had rice to eat I was very happy. Now I am very happy because my life is

very different from the one I had. At the orphanage the food is varied. We have beans, rice and sometimes spaghetti to eat. I am very happy to be able to go to the school and especially be able to study in good conditions.

Guedalia's hand is recovered



Etienne and his daughter Guedalia

Etienne and Yvonne are very thankful to you and want you to know that the finger of their daughter Guedalia who had benefited from a therapeutic surgery in United States last year is now completely recovered. Once she is back in Burkina Faso, Guedalia benefited of several months of therapeutic massages. Today her finger got quite straight and more flexible allowing her as she wants to use her finger: she uses it to eat and she started learning to write or draw with this hand. Her parents are very satisfied with this change in their daughter's life and the effective use of her hand. They want from their heart to thank Dr. Howard Makofsky and his wife, Air Frances, Professor Alex Dagum and his team, all the persons who supported Guedalia during her stay in United States, churches for their generosity which made

this surgery and stay a success. May our powerful God bless you.

What is planned for 2013?

Last year, we have received a document with specifications from the social ministry about the functioning of orphanages. They were encouraging us to work on the respect of those specifications. In regard to these specifications many works remain to be made for the respect of the requirements.

They recommended us that the quality of children accommodation has to be improved. Beds, storage cupboard of clothes are necessary.

Considering the recommendations, our objective for 2013 in the orphanage will be:

- ✓ to cover the entire subsistence needs of all the children living in the orphanage
- ✓ to get facilities (60 beds, 10 clothes cupboards) to increase the quality of the children accommodations in the orphanage.
- ✓ to develop the practical training at school (sewing, weaving).
- ✓ to have a car at the orphanage
- ✓ to pursue the research of partners to support us in our project of construction of a secondary school

We rely on your prayers and supports to raise 60 000 dollars for the achievement of the objectives we set for 2013.

A few pictures for you



The boxes are arrived at the orphanage



The soup is in the orphanage





Esther opening the boxes



The Girls in their new clothes



Children trying their new clothes



Girls in their new uniforms



The boys are receiving their new clothes



Boys have their new clothes



They are enjoying the sweet Bonbons made from Canada

Special Thanks to Ontario Christian Gleaners for the soup, to Air France and to the two families Makofsky and Veitch for the clothes and to make the shipment possible.