

# PARADISE ORPHANAGE NEWS

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Enjoying breakfast at the new tables.

As you can well imagine life continues to be very busy for Georges and Esther Sawadogo and their family as they minister to the needs of the 122 children who live at Paradise Orphanage. This year some construction projects were completed. A dining room complete with tables and benches has been built. This building can now serve as a meeting place for many activities with room for everyone. Georges is involved hands-on with all the construction work and often men from the village are hired to help as well.



Risa, Georges, Esther, Charles and  
Barthalemew Sawadogo

## WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL NEEDS TODAY?

- ♦ \$10,000.00 to purchase a mill
- ♦ \$300.00 buys a cow!
- ♦ \$3,500.00 needed to finish Georges house
- ♦ \$3,500.00 needed monthly for day to day expenses

## Class trip 2013!

It was a very exciting day on June 10th 2013 when all 122 children boarded a bus with a picnic lunch and headed to the Zoo!! It was a thrilling day for all of them...first bus ride and first time seeing the animals native to the continent of Africa ( not many in Burkina Faso) Len was able to provide funds for this excursion when he visited in March.

*Ready for a trip to the Zoo!*





In November 2012 we were able to send another 6 barrels of soup from Ontario Christian Gleaners. This will give the children one nourishing meal everyday for almost a year. Air France gives us a generous shipping rate for this cargo. Along with the soup each child received a new outfit and a school bag which was sewn by the inmates at Beavercreek Correctional Facility in Gravenhurst, ON.

### ***Great Fundraisers !***

- ◆ Eastport Boys Brigade and leadership \$600.00 for the purchase of cows
- ◆ Bible study group Garage Sale, Gravenhurst, ON \$1300.00
- ◆ Advocate Harbour, NS Garage Sale and café \$500.00, Emma, Avery and Olivia Birch and their grandma Joan Hayhoe!

### ***What's next!***

The needs are great and we are sometimes overwhelmed with the demands of this project but God continues to be faithful. Each month donations come and are sent to Georges to help with the day to day running of the orphanage.

Len's trip in March 2013 proved to be helpful in understanding where the needs are and how we can help from here. He was able to talk with the key players and look ahead to the future a little more.

We see a great need for them to become more self-sufficient in the future and discussions were held to promote ideas that may be feasible. One of the goals is to purchase a Grist Mill to grind millet and corn. This task is usually done by hand using a mill stone and people are now beginning to be able to pay to have their grains milled. This large machine would sit at the entrance of the property so the towns people have access to it and the older children will be able to run the mill. Currently Georges and his son Charles are investigating the cost of this mill. We are hoping that we could raise \$10,000.00 by the end of the year to help with the funding of this project.

But in the meantime we are encour-

aged to hear that they are in the process of getting dairy cows to provide milk for the children. They have the property to keep them and again it will teach the older children some responsibility. Our goal is to raise funds to provide them with 10 cows to start. Each cow costs \$300.00.

Another concern is for the personal home of Georges and Esther and their family.

Georges has no income apart from donations and he has stopped the construction of his home in order to give more fully to the children. His home has been without a roof now for 6 years and as his children get older it becomes more difficult to live in those conditions. Len has asked him for a cost to complete the project and Georges humbly stated that he would need \$3,500.00 to put a roof on his house. By the way it is quite difficult living in a house with no roof when the sun is beating down and then even more of a challenge in the rainy season!

Another part of Len's trip in March was to discuss the idea of a Team coming to work



alongside them for a couple of weeks. This idea was received with great enthusiasm and they were thrilled to hear that another trip was being considered. There are lots of details to work out but plans are underway for a two week trip early January 2014. The time would be spent working with the children and playing too! As well as the men working on a designated building project. Can you see yourself coming? Please let Len and Carla know as soon as possible so we can move forward with plans. No previous experience required!

**Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions! Or if you would like more information regarding the proposed trip in January 2014!**

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