



## What a reunion!

REUNION



Friends of Burkina gathered for a "Ouaga dinner" at Bolat African Cuisine in Chicago on August 7, 2004. Left to right standing: Denny FitzPatrick, Diana VanBogaert, Kristie McComb, Brigid Gary, Joel Hurwitz, Jill Hurwitz, Elizabeth Ralyea, Kadi Doumbia, Katherine Reed, Jimmy Bulosan, Dave Knopp, Guy Fipps. Left to right seated: Larry Kirschner, Bob Osborne, Betty Osborne, Mike O'Sullivan, Ian Priest.

The occasion was the National Peace Corps Association's 25th anniversary. For those of you who couldn't be there to celebrate, learn, and reconnect with your fellow RPCVs and Friends of Burkina, you missed a great weekend of activities.

But don't despair. See more photos on page 18. Then check out NPCA's web page where you can get highlights with photos, links to speaker bios, and quotable quotes. Read about the Shriver and Ruppe award winners, and what the Voice of America had to say about the conference. It's all at

<http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=951>.





## OUR MISSION

Friends of Burkina Faso, Inc.  
a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization  
affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association

- Maintain a network of RPCVs and friends of Burkina Faso
- Provide funding and assistance to support projects in Burkina Faso
- Improve social interaction, communication, and information exchange
- Educate others about the country and culture of Burkina Faso

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FRIENDS



# The president's yiri

by Molly Chambers, '99-'01, FBF President

I would like to begin by thanking the previous Friends of Burkina Faso board members for their many years of excellent service to the organization. They, in fact, are still working diligently to hand this organization over to the new board in an orderly manner.

Possibly, no one envisioned just how much paperwork a changing of the guard would entail. So, I would also like to thank everyone who is pitching in to keep FBF working smoothly during this transition phase. Frankly, I am reminded of a chapter title in a management textbook I once perused: *How to Successfully Change a Tire Without Stopping the Car*. This challenge sums up our first three months in office.

However, we are making progress. The new board members and their positions are as follows:

**Molly Chambers, President**  
**Wende Smith, Vice President**  
**Guy Fipps, Technology Chair**  
**Mike O'Sullivan, Membership Chair**  
**John Dickey, Treasurer**  
**Suzanne Plopper, Asst Treasurer**

As president of the new board, I have a few simple short-term goals:

- To improve the transparency of the organization. This is a joint effort involving previous and new board members alike. I expect that it will take some time to sort out all of the details. We are primarily interested in being able to publish regular records of where FBF funds are allocated, and thereby demonstrate how our budget ties directly into

the organizational mission and goals.

- To continue to develop our website at [fbf.tamu.edu](http://fbf.tamu.edu). Be sure to go there and sign up on the new **List Server** so you can keep current on the latest news

and messages as posted by other Friends of Burkina. Guy Fipps has taken the lead on this project and is working hard to gear us up. Thanks, Guy! Please let us know if any of you have suggestions for content or improvement, or if you would like to volunteer to help.

- To broaden our member base and provide ways for new members to become involved. Mike O'Sullivan is taking the lead on this project. Thanks, Mike! We would like to ensure that we are maintaining contact with returned RPCVs and allowing them opportunities to engage in FBF activities. Please contact Mike if you have any ideas.

This is an exciting time for the Friends of Burkina Faso organization. The Projects Committee is working full-speed ahead to continue to develop new partnerships with Burkinabé organizations. We are lucky to have such an active committee, as they will continue to be one of the main driving forces in our organizational improvement for the foreseeable future.

Keep up the good work, everyone! And, please, contact me with any ideas you may have.



Molly Chambers

YIRI





# Projects progress report

by Tom Vollrath, '67-'70, Projects Committee Chair



Tom Vollrath

The Projects Committee continues to seek ways to promote development at the grass roots in Burkina by responding to the felt needs and initiatives from the field, carefully examining incoming proposals, cultivating and building institutional linkages with grant recipients, and soliciting both funds and human resources to support sanctioned activities. We have targeted our assistance effectively — selecting projects with high potential payoffs, proven track records, and low risks.

A great deal of emphasis has been put on promoting education, especially for girls and at the primary school level. This fall Friends of Burkina was able to reach its goal of sending another **200** girls into the *mouton-école*, 6-year primary school educational program! See the thank-you letter from NEEED (*Nimbus Enfance Environnement Education et Développement*), along with all the photos of the students on pages 6-7 of this issue. We also provided support to post-graduate education and improvement of basic infrastructure, such as bringing electricity to the **Garango** high school.

FBF has also supported various micro-business enterprises, including the **Babora-Pegora** cooperative focused on the processing of shea butter, Burkina's third most important export after cotton and livestock.

Our support for micro-business undertakings is increasing. This fall we wired \$5,500 to help the recently launched **Bureau-des-Artisan/Peace Corps (BA/PC)** small-enterprise-development initiative. Mike O'Sullivan, FBF project manager of this initiative, has been working with Rose Armour at Peace Corps. We have just been informed that the BA/PC is now off and running! The committee of Small Enterprise Development (SED) PCVs and the Bureau des Artisans (BA) trainers recently approved funding for two workshops to be held in November. BA trainers will design and lead two soap-making *formations* with community groups in **Kongoussi** and **Bouganam**. The committee is also considering other proposals, including a *formation* with mechanics from **Djibo**. The PCVs serving on the BA/PC committee will be passing the baton in February to the second group of SED Volunteers. Look for an update on these training workshops in the next issue of the *Burkina Connection*.

Now comes another very exciting new venture. FBF has elected to lend

its support to the construction of a secondary school for girls just outside of **Ouahigouya**. The secondary school will enable students completing primary education in the FBF-sponsored *mouton-école* program to extend their studies! This new development started when the Projects Committee received a new proposal from NEEDED this summer entitled *Projet de Construction d'un College de Jeunes Filles a Yatenga*.

After considerable deliberation among committee members and numerous exchanges of information between **Suzanne Plopper** (FBF's project manager) and **Lacine Sawadogo** (NEEED's project coordinator), the committee, with our new board's blessings, sanctioned FBF support to this ambitious undertaking. Hats off to both Suzanne and Lacine!!

To date, FBF has been able to commit **\$31,300** to the NEEDED college, with the majority of this funding coming from two very generous donors living in New York. NEEDED is well on its way to making the college a reality due to FBF's assistance and due to a €10,000 grant from a German company. Construction of a well has already begun. Ground will soon be broken to build a suite of classrooms. The plan calls for the college to open its doors to the first class of students this next fall. Should additional funds



Ten of the 200 new students enrolled in school this year, thanks to your FBF donations.

be forthcoming, NEEDED would like to add a library, health center, study hall, and computer room to the college complex. The computer room would be equipped with several PCs.

I would like to urge all of you to respond generously to our fall fund raising campaign by making financial contributions in support of NEEDED's *mouton-école* or secondary-school construction, or by directing your donation to the general projects fund. The Projects Committee is also seeking volunteers who are both willing and able to devote sometimes considerable time and effort evaluating and managing future proposals and/or FBF-sanctioned projects coming down the pike. We can make a difference, especially when acting collectively!



# PROJECTS





## **ASSOCIATION NEEDED**

***Nimbus Enfance Environnement Education et Développement***

Ouahigouya

*Très chers Amis du Burkina Faso,*

*C'est avec un réel plaisir que cette année encore nous vous envoyons ce petit rapport relatif à la contribution de votre association «Friends of Burkina Faso » (FBF).*

*102 filles fréquentent les écoles que nous avons intégrées dans notre zone d'intervention cette année. Il s'agit des écoles de Saye, Bemh, Toessin, Leh, et Somlawa. Les autres filles (98) ont été recrutées dans les village couverts auparavant par le projet. Selon le principe, ces filles doivent financer l'achat de leurs fournitures scolaires pendant les cinq années à venir à travers l'embouche ovine.*

***Ce sont donc 200 nouvelle petites filles qui prennent cette année 2004/2005 le chemin de l'école grâce au soutien de FBF.***

*Cette année nous avons invité Mme Julie Donahue, directrice du Corps de la Paix, prendre part à notre cérémonie officielle de remise de fournitures le 2 Octobre à Kouba dans le département de Tangaye. Mr. Daniel Biernenbaum, qui a représenté FBF l'année dernière, était aussi présent cette année.*

*L'éclat de la cérémonie de Kouba à été rehausser cette année par la présence effective de Mr. Mahamoudou Ouedraogo, secrétaire général du ministère de l'enseignement de base (MEBA) et parrain de NEEDED. Il a louer l'action de NEEDED et à sensibiliser et encourager les parents à envoyer toute les filles à l'école. Le directeur régional de l'enseignement de base du nord (DREBA) et les inspecteurs étaient tous aussi présents.*

*Après la cérémonie de Kouba, nous sommes aller de village en village pour remise des fournitures aux filles beneficiares.*

***Au nom des parents, des filles, et des autorités provinciales de l'enseignement de base, l'association NEEDED vous remercie pour votre noble engagement pour la promotion de la scolarisation des filles et le combat contre l'analphabétisme au Yatenga.***



# Congratulations, students!

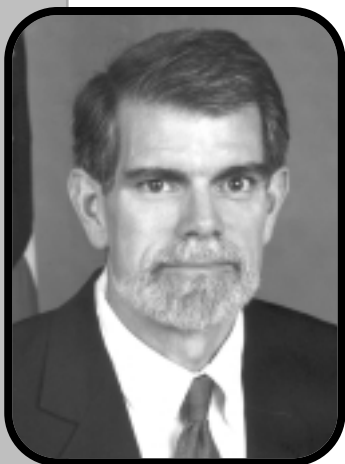


PROJECTS . . .



# A consular perspective

by J. Anthony “Tony” Holmes, U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso



Tony Holmes

Over the past three years there have been huge changes in the work done by embassy “consular” officers, the folks who decide who gets a visa, who provide passports to Americans abroad, and who take care of Americans who need

help. As most Friends of Burkina Faso members have probably encountered consular officers before, I thought they might be interested in what is happening here in Burkina, where we’re seeing more and more interest among Burkinabé in traveling to the United States. So I asked our first-tour consular officer, **Jon Habjan**, to provide this overview.

In the past, Burkinabé students, tourists, and workers traveled primarily to other West African countries, France, and Italy. These days, however, the U.S. is increasingly seen as a more desirable and hipper destination. As I’m sure you all are aware, educational opportunities are limited and job prospects poor throughout Burkina Faso. Burkina has very little industry and most city dwellers depend on commerce or manual labor for their livelihood. The country has traditionally supplied labor to surrounding countries and it is not uncommon for people to leave their homes in search of work to support their families. Côte d’Ivoire has traditionally been a destination of choice, but since the cri-

sis there began, intending migrant laborers have sought work in other places, including the United States.

Quite a few *commerçants* who used to travel to Abidjan to buy goods have now decided to work directly with suppliers in the United States. They typically go to New York or Washington to buy what we would consider small amounts of hair mesh, printer ink, or used clothing (which is sold by the pound by consolidators that buy from charities such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army).

At first blush, the small amount of trade would not seem to justify the expense of the trip. However, many businessmen and women make this trip in spite of the cost, probably because of a lack of confidence in business infrastructure and a preference for face-to-face business transactions. A \$2,000 trip to the United States to purchase five computers makes sense to merchants here.

There are also, we estimate, about a thousand Burkinabé who have come to the U.S. to work illegally. They work in traditional immigrant jobs, such as car- and dishwashing, and often have more difficulty adjusting to the U.S. than anticipated. When they return, they often tell us the weather and cruel bosses were the biggest difficulties they faced. Still, as you know, a little bit of money sent home from a \$20-a-day job sweeping up in front of a supermarket in the Bronx can make a big difference to a family in Burkina.

EMBASSY





Not all Burkinabé come to the U.S. to work or do business. As the Burkina population in the U.S. grows, many here are choosing to take their annual vacations in the States.

Vacation typically does not involve the sightseeing or shopping we might associate with the word. Rather, vacation for a typical Burkinabé might involve visiting a friend, a son or daughter at college, or even a returned Peace Corps volunteer. The trip to the United States is quite expensive, so for many such a vacation is the chance of a lifetime. There are also many Burkinabé who travel to the U.S. to attend church- and missionary-sponsored religious seminars or retreats.

These days Burkina sends about 200 new students a year to the States. Students from Burkina Faso must overcome significant language and resource difficulties. Student visa applicants in Burkina Faso rarely have sufficient English for study and usually do not have scholarships or other U.S.-based funding. Because of this, a typical pattern for a Burkinabé student is either to attend a private English language school prior to enrolling in a degree-granting program or to study intensive English at the school of choice before beginning degree work.

A degree from a U.S. school is highly desirable here, particularly in business. Furthermore, the ability to speak fluent English after several years of



schooling in the States is seen as invaluable, particularly as Burkina seeks to reduce its over-dependence on France and integrate into the world economy. We expect interest in the United States to continue to grow and can look forward to continued exchange between our people. Here at the Embassy, we believe Burkinabé visitors to the U.S. add greatly to our cultural and economic life. And they bring back a greater understanding of America, which helps strengthen the good relations between our two countries.



EMBA S S Y





# News from the ground

by Julie Donahue, Peace Corps Country Director, Burkina Faso



Julie Donahue

Greetings from Ouagadougou. I apologize for not making the previous issue of the *Burkina Connection*, I was on home leave with my family.

I returned in June to our first of two swearing-in ceremonies for the year. Twelve Secondary Education Volunteers

were sworn in on June 25 at the ambassador's residence in Ouaga.

This was the culmination of a new training initiative we have implemented this year. In the past, training was held in **Bobo Dioulasso** at a large training center. The obvious trouble this posed for our Volunteers was that none of their sites remotely resembled Bobo. After going through three months of training they headed to their villages to be presented with a renewed feeling of culture shock when they realized that not everybody speaks French, has electricity, running water and telephones in their home, and a Mercedes in their driveway.

So this year we have begun implementing a new Community-Based Training system (CBT). We moved the central training site to **Kaya** — far more convenient for Ouaga-based staff who had been making the trek to Bobo. We moved the trainees from Kaya to small communities around Kaya — communities that more closely resemble their eventual sites. For the Education training, this meant villages with CEG or Lycées. The trainees live in groups of four or five in each village, with one Language-Cultural Facilitator (LCF). During the

week they have formal and informal language classes, and complete independent learning tasks designed to give them a better understanding of their environment and their eventual work assignment.

In order to do this properly, it was necessary for us to also shift our Education training cycle. In the past, the Education PCVs trained during summer vacation so the only “real” classroom experience they received was “model school” — a Peace Corps creation filled with students we paid to be there — not very realistic. This year we shifted the Education training to the spring so that, for the first half of their training, PCTs were able to observe and teach in “real” Burkinabé classrooms. We then arranged for the students to voluntarily stay for a new kind of model school, four weeks of real classroom teaching experience.

The Community-Based Training model was a huge success. Trainees achieved much higher language levels after the CBT training than in the past, they were better integrated, and left *stage* feeling overall more prepared for their professional and social life in village. The training shift also gave these new teachers a few months to integrate in their communities before taking on their demanding course schedules in the fall.

After the successes of our first Community-Based Training this past spring, we headed into summer preparing for the more challenging Health and Small Business Training. From August through mid-October we held the second full scale CBT again in communities around Kaya. Health trainees lived and worked in small villages outside of Kaya, while the small business trainees were in three separate neighborhoods of Kaya.

This training was also highly successful. The trainees showed incredible levels of motivation, and left training with French levels rivaling some of our COSing PCVs. They swore in on October 15 (though we held the official ceremony on October 13 to not conflict with the anniversary of President Compaore's coming to power). The new PCVs have been at their sites for just a few weeks now.

Just after the training ended I had the opportunity to "represent" Friends of Burkina Faso at the opening ceremony for this year's NEEED project. The ceremony was held in Kouba, a small village outside of Ouahigouya, where the association presented some of the materials purchased with FBF funds to the schools. The community was extremely appreciative of your efforts, and it was an honor to represent Friends of Burkina.

The other big story is the locust devastation that has been affecting much of the Sahel for the past few months. By all accounts, Burkina Faso has gotten off easy compared to Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal. But that is not going to help the already drought-stricken farmers in the north who saw entire fields wiped out in a night. Locust-devastated areas stretched from Djibo through Dori to the Niger border in October. We were fortunate that they did not come as far south as Kaya or Kongoussi but the north was badly affect-

ed. Even before the locust arrived there were major food security concerns as rains fell late and infrequently throughout the Mossi plateau. The GoBF is still conducting its analysis of the impact, but communities are already very nervous.

The renewed troubles in Abidjan are cutting off that traditional outlet as well as making for a potentially very difficult year in Burkina.

So after a busy spring and summer with trainings, the fall is promising to be just as active, though the activities are not directly Peace Corps related. The early fall featured

an Africa Union heads-of-state meeting which disrupted Ouaga circulation — primarily air traffic. Rumor is that some of the airplanes for the heads of state were garaged in Bobo and Niamey because there simply wasn't enough space in Ouaga. We just completed SIAO — my first since arriving in Burkina. It was a lot of fun, though Ouaga was busier than I ever remember seeing it. We are gearing up for the Francophonie Summit the end of November that is rumored to bring Ouaga traffic to a standstill (though one has a hard time picturing the mobylettes stopping for anything). Then before we know it, FESPACO will be upon us.

That is the news from the ground in Ouaga. — Julie



Julie representing FBF at NEEED ceremony in Kouba.





# A lesson in giving

by Dee Hertzberg, '99-'01 — as published in *The New York Times*



Off for a lesson

It was an unforgivingly hot day, and I was leaving the village where I lived in northeastern Burkina Faso, which meant an 11-mile bike ride to the nearest paved road. It was April, and I was serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in this small, land-locked country in West Africa. I set off on my Trek 800 mountain bike, dreaming of the distant town where I could eat the

pizza I had been craving for a month, when I hit a bump in the road. When I landed, my pedals spun around wildly with no resistance. I pedaled furiously, but like a guinea pig in a wheel, I was going nowhere.

I stood there in disbelief. What was I going to do? I still had seven miles to bike, 115 degrees of heat beating down on me, and only half a bottle of water left. "Great," I muttered in exasperation, and started pushing my bike down the deserted cow path.

Minutes later I spotted a villager coming from the opposite direction. "*Yaa boe tara fo weefo?*" the older gentleman asked me in Mooré, the lan-

guage of the Mossi people. What's wrong with your bike? I explained what had happened, and he tried to figure out my 21-speed, Peace Corps-issued Trek (probably the first he'd ever seen). He flashed me a smile that said he couldn't fix it but we'd find some other way.

Then he began to rearrange the strap on his bag that was attached to his bike rack. I had no idea what he was up to, but I had nothing but time, so I sweated and watched.

When he finished, he had about three feet of thin but durable rubber strap left over, which he proceeded to tie to my handlebars. Like many times before in my Peace Corps service, I stood dumbfounded and awaited the all-important cultural clue that would tip me off to what was going on. He gave me one I couldn't imagine: he pointed to my seat and told me to hop on.

I smiled, thinking he was joking but somehow also knowing that he was serious. This older man was offering to tow me seven miles in this unbearable heat? I started to shake my head in refusal and disbelief. He just smiled and stood there until I finally accepted my newest adventure in Burkina Faso.

It turned out to be one of the most hysterical yet touching moments of my life. What a scene we must have been. This poor man vigorously pedaling and dripping with sweat as he towed the American princess through the barren desert. Every villager we saw along the way shrieked in surprise and called out

"*Ney Yibeogo!*" (Good morning!) After a while, I began to feel terribly guilty, posed on my bike, waving like a Rose Parade float queen.

I thought about pedaling as well, just so he would feel I was participating in our cause, but I didn't bother because he couldn't see me anyway. At least not until we got to the hills.

Because our bikes were connected by the rubber strap, I would lag behind him on every hill we climbed, testing the rubber for all it was worth. Once we began to descend down the other side, though, I was right next to him, waving, and it became my turn to shout a slow "*bonjooouuur*" as I gradually picked up speed and passed him completely. It never lasted long. Soon I would drift behind him again. We carried on this way like two horses on a carousel, rotating positions, each time with more laughter and amazement at our plight.

An hour later we arrived at my destination. He was exhausted, I was giddy and in awe of his generosity. I took a long look at his face and those kind eyes, and I told myself never to forget it, because this man is the heart of Burkina Faso. This man is not an exception in his culture. He is the very essence of it.

Two years ago, at the age of 27, I volunteered for Peace Corps service to "give back" to the world. Today, I real-



A typical Peace Corps bike set-up as demonstrated by Renee of Zogoré — photos by Cathy Seeley

ize I gained much more in return. I am no longer a volunteer, but I continue to work in the western part of the country. When I think back on that moment when I was stranded on that deserted cow path, there was a part of me that was calm, because I knew where I was. I was in a place where you never feel alone or abandoned because someone will always come along to help you; where a starving woman would give her last bowl of food to a stranger; where kids are elated to play with an old tire and a stick. A place where family unity is everything and the guest is paramount.

To the Burkinabé, these principles are more than just cultural values, they are a way of life. Burkina Faso means "the land of the upright and courageous people." It is one of the poorest countries in the world, but a place where I learned what giving truly means.



GIVING





# Painting and poetry

by Katherine Reed, '99-'01

"INITIATION"

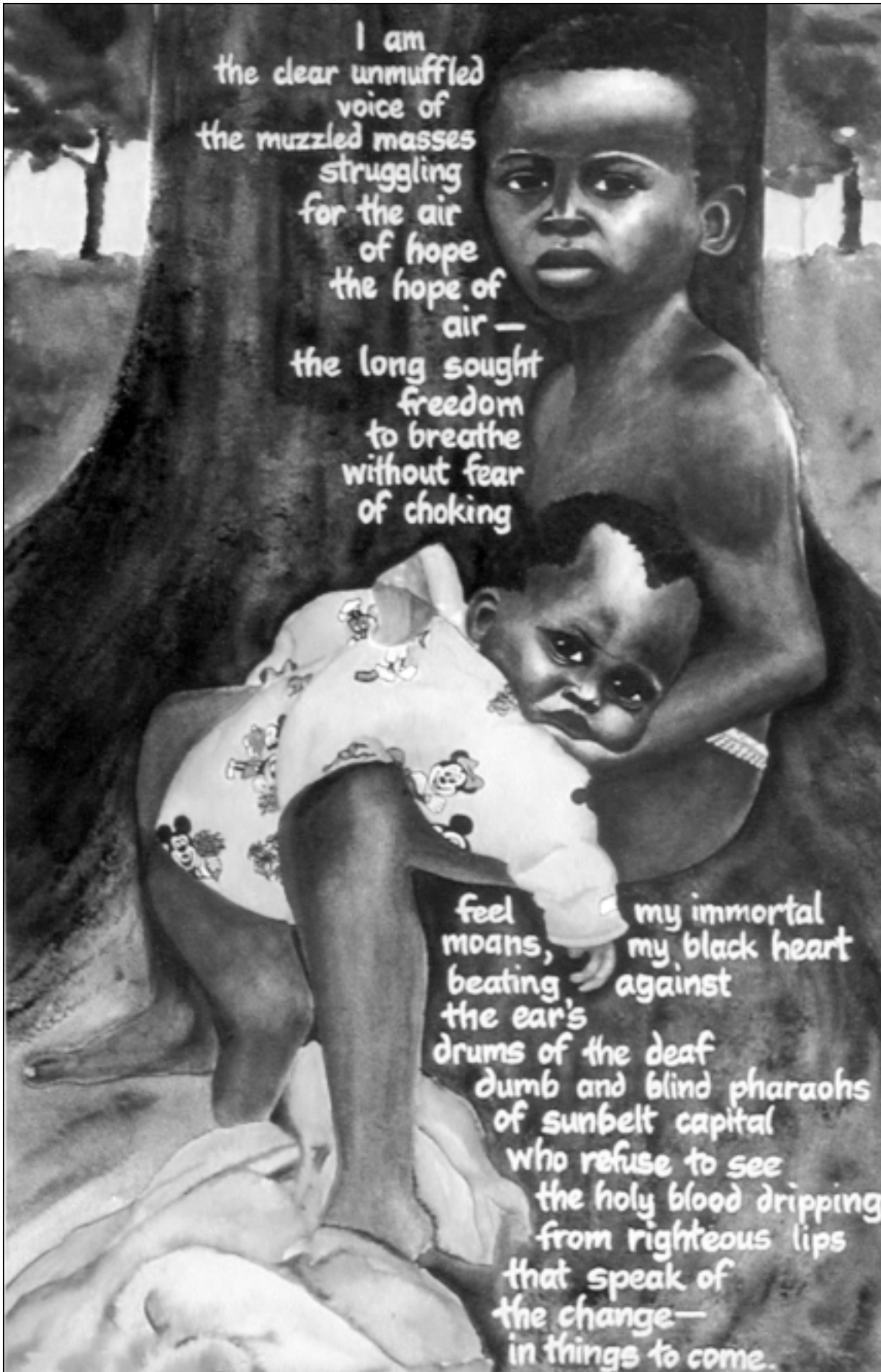
A Dagora boy goes through initiation in Zambo.  
—*Of Water and the Spirit*, Malidoma Somé





## "WAITING"

A young girl waits with her sick brother at the health center in Zambo.  
—*Bumrush the Page*, Charles Braxton



ARTWORK . . . .





# Take the Family to Burkina

by Jill (Rosenheim) Hurwitz, '76-'79



Jill's family immersed in Burkina

**D**uring Christmas holidays (2003) I made my return trip to Burkina Faso, the first in about 25 years! This time, I took my family along to revisit my old haunts. My husband **Joel**, my daughter **Jackie** (18), and my son **Michael** (15) had all been told that to celebrate my 50th birthday, I was going back to Burkina, and would be glad to take anyone who wanted to come — they all did. It was the best trip we've taken as a family, and I recommend it to anyone.

I was in touch with one Burkinabé, **Mathieu Ouédraogo**, who had tutored me in Mooré years ago. He is now the Minister of Basic Education for the country, and is well-known and respected. He arranged for us to have a car and a driver, **Madi**, for the entire time, at minimal cost. This proved to be invaluable, because not only was Madi available to us day and night, but served as a tour guide, helped us find the places I wanted to visit, and even bargained for us in the marketplace.

After a day spent in **Kaya**, where we

met Mathieu for an agricultural fest, my kids were fighting over the Mooré primer I had printed up (from Jonathon Colman, Burkina RPCV '99-'01 — get it at <http://dcaccess.net/~huhtaman/primer/>). You see, having been surrounded by adoring children all day whose French was limited to "*bonzur*," my kids wanted to communicate! Unlike any trip we had ever taken, the personal contacts we made through the week made this trip exceptional for all of us. The highlights were: being able to find neighbors who remembered me; my old "boss" who was thrilled to see me, and who, of course, had us over for a meal; Mathieu and his family who made us an African meal of *sagabo*; and meeting Ambassador Tony Holmes who spent about an hour of his vacation time with us! The most amazing thing about seeing my old friends was seeing their grown children, who hadn't been born when we last saw one another. And the Burkinabé are still the most dignified, respectful, and friendliest people! The central market in Ouaga burned down earlier this year, which was a disappointment, but smaller markets have sprung up all over. We saw the extensive new construction in Ouaga Deux Mille, which was mind-boggling. We were only there for five days, but they were packed with activities and excitement.

I encourage all Burkina RPCVs to make a return trip — it makes a great family vacation, and is so fulfilling. Getting in touch with your African side puts life in a new perspective! I'd be happy to chat further, or give some travel tips — and would love to renew contact with anyone who "knew me when!" My email is [jillpotter@aol.com](mailto:jillpotter@aol.com), and I was Jill Rosenheim in Ouaga from 1976-79.

*Wend na kond bilfu!*



# <http://fbf.tamu.edu>

The Friends of Burkina Faso website is up again and can be found at <http://fbf.tamu.edu>. The website is currently being hosted at Texas A&M University ([tamu.edu](http://tamu.edu)) in College Station, Texas, at no charge to FBF, on servers located in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department.

The website design was done by **Jonathon Colman**, who improved the old website layout and made it compliant with international and U.S. requirements for accessibility.



**Dr. Guy Fipps** and his staff, primarily **David Flahive** — system analyst, and **Dustin Dean** — student technician, have revamped the site and are adding content as it comes in. The List Server is up and running. Be sure to sign up so you can receive messages and other postings by the FBF family.

A new feature of the website is the Officer Login. This section contains copies of some legal papers, as well as the FBF mailing lists and contributors' database. Officers can add new entries or change existing records. This should improve the organization's record keeping, as several individuals located all across the U.S. have responsibilities with aspects of the FBF database.

The website can use additional content. We are also looking for ideas to improve its ability to support our organization and to allow members to participate in projects, events and discussions no matter where in the world they are located. Please send your comments, suggestions, and materials to the webmaster: ([webmaster@fbf.tamu.edu](mailto:webmaster@fbf.tamu.edu)).



And while you're surfing, remember to visit two of the best websites out there:

- Cathy Seeley's *PCV in Burkina* at <http://csinburkinfaso.com/>
- Jonathon Colman's *Mooré Primer* at <http://dcaccess.net/~huhtaman/primer/>

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