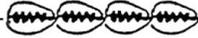




FRIENDS OF BURKINA FASO

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Dear Friends,

The economic crisis has forced most of us to address fundamental questions about our lives and our place in society. Quaker author and educator Parker Palmer has explored the human and spiritual effects of the economic crisis. He contends that we are now at a unique point in history where self interest and idealism converge. This, in turn, Palmer believes, presents us with opportunities to fundamentally re-evaluate how we conduct our lives.

All of us who have had the privilege of living in Burkina Faso and of getting to know its people have compassion for the difficulties and challenges of overcoming poverty in this country. One effective way those of us living outside of Burkina can make a difference is by providing financial support for initiatives conceived by local community leaders that are viewed as being economically sustainable by our Projects Committee.

2009 Outreach Program Summary: The Friends of Burkina Faso Community Outreach Program, which is funded through donations from dedicated members like you, can take pride in the numerous accomplishments achieved in 2009. This year, FBF funded five projects totaling \$72,486 in grants to support the following community-driven initiatives:

1. \$24,000 to *La Cantine Scholaire* project, assuring that the 500 girls attending *La Lycée Moderne de l'Amitié* receive a noon meal.
2. \$25,120 to *Le Mouton Ecole* project, enabling 300 girls to attend school for the next 13 years.
3. \$4,274 to *NEEED's Moustiquaire* project, providing treated mosquito nets to students of *La Lycée Moderne de l'Amitié* while encouraging them to educate their families about malaria prevention.
4. \$9,255 for *La Pompe d'Ecole à Koukouldi* project, providing the school (and surrounding community) with potable water to drink and enabling the students to irrigate a garden (the proceeds of which will be used to purchase noon-day meals).
5. \$8,472 to the *Exploitation Maraîchère à Darigma* project, permitting 130 women to purchase irrigation equipment for their garden cooperative which produces and then markets corn, onions, and other vegetables.
6. Authorized second and third payments, equivalent to \$1,365, for *Le Moringa Reseau de Ténado* project, providing the community with affordable and nutritious food and a source of revenue for farmers.

A Look Ahead to 2010: FBF's outreach program accomplished a lot this past year because of the generosity of friends and family as well as the dedication of Project Committee members. We hope to continue the successful efforts of 2009. FBF is committed to continuing our assistance of the *Lambs for School* and the *Noon Day Meals* girls' education programs in the Yatenga region. Looking ahead to proposals in the pipeline we realize that there is much other work that can be done. In recent weeks, the Projects Committee has received five requests to support promising initiatives, including:

1. \$18,215 to purchase a pump and establish a garden/nutrition program for the community health center (i.e., *Centre de Santé et Promotion Sociale*), serving 5,000 people in Bissighin and surrounding villages
2. \$3,000 to launch a library and literacy program in the department of Léo
3. \$4,000 to help launch a library in the village of Pobé-Mengao, situated in northern Burkina, 26 kilometers south of Djibo
4. \$3,200 to provide materiel for a vegetable garden and promote community health in the village of Yoroko à Zabré
5. \$800 to support *La Troupe Théâtrale Koubozao* and its efforts to educate the population in Youngou about family-planning and health practices

With your ongoing support of FBF Projects, the Committee is hopeful that FBF will have the financial means in 2010 to support some of the initiatives listed above as well as others that may be forthcoming. *Please remember that 100% of project contributions made directly to FBF via our website or through the mail are sent overseas. FBF does not levy a tax on incoming funds to cover the organization's overhead expenditures or to pay salaries.* To make a direct gift to FBF Projects either use the attached contribution form or our new paypal facility by clicking one of the "donate" buttons after going to <http://fbf.tamu.edu/donations.html>

We thank you for your generous support in 2009 and we hope for more good efforts and meaningful outcomes in 2010.

Cordially

Tom Vollrath
Chair, FBF Projects Committee

ALERT: Join Us Today for a Time-sensitive Unique Matching Gift Opportunity!

A golden opportunity presents itself between **NOVEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 1, 2009** for our friends and members to leverage their resources for NEEDED, one of our key local implementing partners. FBF's web-based fundraising partner, GlobalGiving (GG), has announced its three-week long *Give More – Get More Challenge*. This fundraising challenge, which begins **November 10th** and runs through **December 1, 2009**, presents the ideal opportunity for FBF to garner support for the *Noon Day Meal Improves Girls' Learning* project because GG will provide *graduated matching* funds for each \$10-to-

\$500 individual donation contributed to this project on its website. The matching rates for donations to our project will increase incrementally as we accumulate donations throughout the challenge period but every donation will receive at least a 30% match. Once we reach our fundraising goal of at least \$7,500, donations will be matched at a rate of 50%! We hope you will make a donation to the *Noon Meals* project during the ***Get More Give More Challenge*** for one of the best returns on investments available anywhere. To do so, click on the “give now” after going to <http://www.globalgiving.com/dy/v2/content/countries.html?country=Burkina+Faso>.