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UNEXPECTED REUNIONS

by Kristie McComb, '01-'03, Vice President/Membership Chair

Returning to the States three years ago after my Peace Corps service, I thought that if I ever wanted to see most of my Burkinabé friends again, I would have to return to Burkina Faso. I have several friends that I have always thought I would love to show around the US but I never really thought it would happen. I considered it an RPCV fantasy: knowing someone that we would love to bring home and introduce our other lives too.

One person in particular, my good friend and unofficial collaborator, Haoua Traore told me as I left Burkina, "I am going to visit you in August of 2005—I'll stay a month, just get a look around, do some shopping, then return to Burkina. I don't want to stay, I just want to check things out." I laughed, thinking "where did she get August of 2005 from and how does she really think she's going to get there?!" With no job and no idea of where I would be in August of 2005, I just replied, "On verra, Haoua, on verra!"

Haoua is an anomaly in Burkinabé culture—a 34-year old woman with a baccalaureate who advises 34 men's cotton cooperatives, spending most of her days en brousse on her Yamaha 100 motorcycle. She visits farmers and teaches them about the financial managerial aspects of cotton

farming. She wants them to be prepared when they take loans to purchase fertilizer or when they sell their cotton to SOFITEX.

In addition to her job, over the past 2.5 years, Haoua has convinced the men of Tiéfora to allow their wives to produce cotton as a cash crop by allowing them one day a week to farm a communal plot of land. She formed the first women's union of cotton producers in Burkina Faso and was officially recognized by the president of the National Union of Cotton Producers for this unprecedented effort. This victory took much persuasion, with Haoua convincing the men that they would only benefit by having another breadwinner in the family! Haoua knew that the women

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Haoua Traore and Kristie McComb

PRESIDENT'S YIRI

by Molly Chambers, '99-'01



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Once again FBF's Burkina Connection was awarded the best NPCA affiliate newsletter nationwide in 2005! This year's award came with a big surprise—a monetary reward of \$500. Moreover, our newsletter was prominently displayed on the NPCA website! Denny Fitzpatrick, our editor, graciously requested that the \$500 be put towards supporting future newsletters! Many thanks and congratulations to Denny, and also to all who helped makes our newsletter so successful.

It is with regret that I am to inform you that Denny has decided that it is time to step aside and let someone else carry the baton. We are greatly indebted to Denny Fitzpatrick for years of excellent newsletters.

With Denny's departure, we are seeking a RPCV with layout/graphics skills who would be interested in taking over the reins from Denny and putting the newsletter together twice a year! The person filling this volunteer job should be knowledgeable in using the software program InDesign or another graphic design program. Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone who may be interested. I can be reached at mollychambers@yahoo.com. In the meantime, we have hired an independent graphic designer, Dune Erickson, to help us with our newsletter. Many, many thanks to you, Dune!! Thanks also to Andrea Adams Smith for your assistance during this transition.

I would also like to announce that Kristie McComb has agreed to fill the vacancy of Vice President until elections are held. We are scheduled to have a new Board in place by August, 2007. And, I would like to have

a list of candidates by October, 2006. So, please contact me if you are interested. We would love to get interested parties slowly involved in Friends of Burkina so that they may have some hands-on experience before taking their position.

If you would just like to volunteer some hours, please contact me. Josh Shade and (currently) Dave Knopp have been a blessing helping to keep our database in order. As we grow, there are many opportunities to volunteer.



Molly Chambers

Membership dues are now solicited once a year in February. If you did not receive a membership dues mailing, please contact me. The Board has discarded the old system of soliciting your dues on a yearly basis according to the last time you paid. Soliciting all membership dues each February promises to be less confusing for members and record-keeping. This will also help the board budget for the fiscal year.

I realize that a February dues date is a change. But, I ask that you pay your dues at your earliest convenience. So far only 110 people have paid dues for 2006. Our newsletter is at stake. Without an occasional larger donation by a couple of our members in support of the newsletter, we would be unable to continue to produce a newsletter. The newsletter is critical for communicating our accomplishments, soliciting donations from large contributors, and establishing new partnerships with organizations like Global Giving. So, please get those dues in the mail!

Friends of Burkina owes its accomplishments to donations made by you! The health of our organization depends on all of our participation. I want to thank our members for continuing to support the work of this organization.



PEACE CORPS ENCORE!

by Tom Fox, '67-'69 Peace Corps Director - Burkina Faso

I am writing to inform my fellow members of Friends of Burkina Faso about Peace Corps Encore! To supplement the website, www.peacecorpsencore.org, I can tell you that Encore! has been established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to provide opportunities for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and former staff to return to service through short-term overseas assignments. With over 1000 people already registered, we are obviously building a talented pool of potential Encore! volunteers who are ready to make a difference, again.

Encore! is not formally affiliated with the Peace Corps or the National Peace Corps Association, although we have cordial relations with both. That cordiality should come as no surprise since, although there are many similar short-term volunteer organizations, Encore! is the only one specifically established to redeploy RPCVs and former staff! We recognize and value the incredible professional expertise and cross-cultural experience of this talented cadre of former Volunteers and staff.

Peace Corps Encore!'s staff, Board of Directors (including yours truly), and Advisory Council Members are all RPCVs and/or former staff members, including three former Peace Corps Directors.

We have already launched our first pilot projects this year. Encore! staff and Board members have met with more than 20 U.S.-based and locally-based international NGOs to explore strategic partnerships that would

create short-term overseas opportunities for Encore! volunteers. As a result, project development and fundraising is underway and we expect to deploy close to ten volunteers by the fall of this year. We are planning sustainable, multi-sectoral projects that build the capacity of our partner organizations and assist them in supporting the individuals, groups, and communities that they serve. Examples of potential partners and projects include: Association Promoting Education and Conservation in Amazonia (reforestation, teacher training, curriculum development, and more in the Peruvian Amazon); National Retired Teachers Association (teacher training in Africa); Friends of Sierra Leone (teacher training in Sierra Leone); National Library of Medicine (librarian training in East Africa), and more!

I am anxious to see how Encore! and Friends of Burkina Faso can find a way to collaborate and look forward to your thoughts about that prospect. Check out the website (See above for the link) and then give me a call at any time by phone: (202) 686-6581 or e-mail: FoxThomasH@aol.com; or our Executive Director Maura Fulton: (202) 216-8469 or email: maura@peacecorpsencore.org.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of Peace Corps Encore! Tom Fox is an active member of Friends of Burkina Faso, serving on the Projects Committee. He was the first Peace Corps Director in Upper Volta, 1967-69.



FRIENDS OF BURKINA FASO

- Maintains a network of RPCVs and friends of Burkina Faso
- Provides funding and assistance to support projects in Burkina Faso
- Improves social interaction, communication, and information exchange
- Educates others about the country and culture of Burkina Faso

a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association

Learn more about us at <http://fbf.tamu.edu>

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PROJECTS UPDATE

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

I am delighted to announce that FBF has joined forces with GlobalGiving Foundation (GG), the first NPCA affiliate to do so! The objective of GG is to create a global philanthropic marketplace by harnessing the power of the internet and offering donors worldwide a choice of projects, managed by local entrepreneurs, to support in the developing world.

So, check out GG and our project on the web when you have a spare moment or two! Go to www.globalgiving.com, then click on Africa and then Burkina Faso. Voila, you will have arrived! Then click on project title, "Noon Meals Improves Girls' Learning in Burkina Faso," and explore the tabs: 1) overview, 2) organization, 3) team bios, and 4) photo gallery.

With this new institutional linkage, FBF now has two routes through which donors can make contributions in support of our projects. One is via the GG website which, at the moment, focuses on only one of our projects--though we are allowed to put up two at any one time on this site. For your information, GG takes a modest 10% off of the top of contributions to cover its overhead expenditures. I believe that the GG website provides a convenient and easy way to encourage people to support FBF projects!

The other avenue for channeling funds to FBF projects is for members and friends to send contributions directly to our treasurer, John Dickey. Monetary gifts sent to John can be targeted to NEEDED's mouton ecole or its College Modern de l'Amitie. Alternatively, you may choose to let the Projects Committee decide the best use of your contributions. In either case, you may rest assured that 100 percent of funds collected via this second route will be sent to Burkina. In the near future, we may, however, require contributors opting for this second route to become a bonafide, dues-paying FBF member, priced at \$15 per year, so that our great organization can continue to function and pay for printing and mailing costs.

I am also pleased to announce that FBF has sanctioned yet another project. Under the leadership of Monsieur Kinda Boukary, president of APRODES, and Tom Fox, our resident project manager, FBF is supporting the cultivation of vegetables in Loulouka, near Kongoussi. APRODES's Exploitation Maraichere will take advantage of modern irrigation techniques to harness water available in Lake Bam. Thirty-five women will benefit from this program by growing many kinds of vegetables, including onions, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans, and corn. FBF has provided \$4,500 for the purchase of water pumps and gardening tools.

Chris Wilson, PCV overseeing field operations in Loulouka, observes that the women in the group have really "embraced this garden, and the time and work they've put into it is quite evident. In addition, they have expressed interest in learning how to improve their composting techniques, something I'm going to try to do a bit of research on."

APRODES's Exploitation Maraichere fits nicely with FBF's project priorities. It provides families with nutritious foods, empowers women, provides a viable

source of income, promotes community-based development and strengthens the capacity of NGOs and community organizations.

Four more project proposals have been received by FBF in recent months, two involving supporting orphans through self-help gardening/agricultural projects and two involving assisting women's groups to develop small-scale micro enterprises. Three of the projects are in villages in the southwest and one is in a village south of Ouaga. Project committee members have been assigned to each of these proposals and are working with local community leaders to more clearly define certain aspects of the proposals prior to the Committee voting on whether or not to fund them. We hope to be able to report positive results of one or more of these proposals in our next newsletter.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Dickey, '80-'83, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the finances of FBF for 2006 (as of August 27, 2006):

Balance of funds: \$33,779

Received for 2006 FBF membership: \$1635 (110 members)

Received for NPCA membership: \$1015 (29 members)

Received from sale of T shirts: \$192

Received for projects: \$34,758 (66 contributors). Of this, \$5895 has been designated by the donors for the mouton ecole project (to support the education of young girls entering primary school in the 2006-2007 school year under NEEDED sponsorship)

Received for newsletter: \$125 (13 contributors) plus a \$500 contribution from Denny Fitzpatrick (representing the 2005 award he received from NPCA for his production of our

excellent newsletter)

Of projects funds received:

- \$27500 was designated, and spent, for construction of a second set of classrooms for the College Modern de l'Amitie in Ouahigouya (the middle school built for girls sponsored by NEEDED)

- \$4500 was allocated to the project APRODES (a market garden project for women in the Kongoussi area)

- \$160 was spent on wiring funds for the above projects

- \$26,596 is the Projects balance.

Of non-project funds received:

- Approximately \$1200 is allocated for the current newsletter

- \$200 was allocated for room rental for an FBF meeting in Washington D.C. during the 45th Peace Corps Anniversary Celebration

- \$7183 is the non-Projects balance

45TH PEACE CORPS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

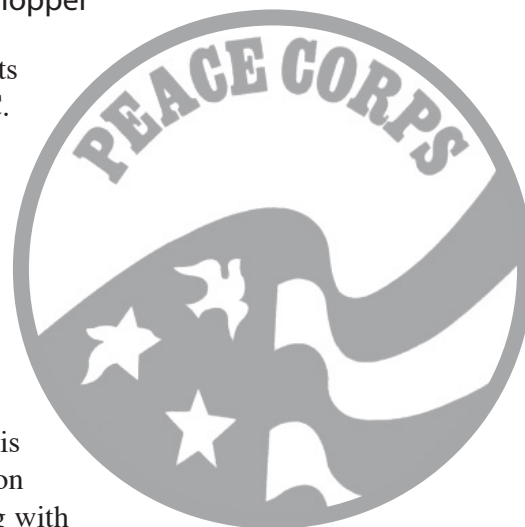
by Suzanne Plopper

The National Peace Corps Association is holding its 45th Anniversary Celebration in Washington D.C. from September 13-16. A variety of activities are planned to celebrate this anniversary. Check out the NPCA web site at www.rpcv.org for details.

Friends of Burkina Faso is planning a breakfast Saturday morning, September 16 as an opportunity for members to get together. Tony Holmes, former U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso (2002-2005), will share experiences and thoughts regarding his tenure in Burkina. Former PCV Mead Over ('67-'69) will share his thoughts about socio-economic aspects of HIV prevention and control in Burkina, based on his experience working with the World Bank in this field.

In addition, organizers of this event will capitalize on the occasion to discuss, and solicit the group's input, regarding the vision, and future directions, of our organization as well as of our support for projects in Burkina.

The Upper Volta 1 group ('67-'69) has planned additional social events enabling its members to re-connect.



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FIELD NOTES FROM JEANINE

by Jeanine Jackson, U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso

It was my great privilege to be nominated by President Bush as US Ambassador to Burkina Faso. I arrived on March 23, presented my credentials to President Blaise Compaore on March 24, and have worked to promote US priorities in Burkina Faso since then.

Democratization and Human Rights are our leading priorities. Programs of the U.S. National Democratic Institute play a big part in this. They focus on political party capacity building and voter education. This was especially important prior to the nation's first municipal elections which were critical to the decentralization being undertaken by the Government of Burkina Faso (GOBF). Elsewhere, the child-anti-trafficking programs, funded by the Departments of Labor and State, focus on the southwestern part of the country. Recently, the Embassy joined with the European Commission in protesting the inconclusive termination of the Norbert Zongo murder case and we continue to call for improvements in women's rights and fighting corruption.

Our second, over-arching goal, Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction, is being addressed by USAID programs in health, food security, education, and agriculture. Our 90+ Peace Corps Volunteers work in the health, education, and micro-enterprise sectors. On August 25, I presided over a swearing-in ceremony for 32 new Volunteers. I firmly believe that the PCVs are the real ambassadors in this country. As many of you know, Burkina Faso became eligible for the Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold program and shortly thereafter, became fully eligible to conclude a compact with MCC. I inaugurated in June the \$12.9 million MCC Threshold program to improve

access to primary education for girls. The program will establish 132 school complexes in 10 provinces with girl-friendly facilities and incentives. For the MCC Compact, the GOBF formed a dynamic team to consult country-wide with civil society, local governments and donors in order to examine the root causes of poverty and determine what programs could make the biggest improvement. The team is in the process of developing proposals for consideration by MCC and the compact could result in an extremely large grant.

Our third goal, Regional Security, includes a growing number of military cooperation programs. In addition to the International Military Education and Training program, the State Department recently concluded an agreement to train Burkinabé military to participate in UN, African Union and other peace support operations. This demonstrates the improving relationship between our two countries and Burkina Faso's efforts to play a more positive role in the region.

Our public diplomacy efforts support all of the above goals. Exchange programs, music, art and sports events, English language classes, and library access are well-attended and appreciated by the Burkinabé.

My husband Mark and I have already traveled a great deal within Burkina Faso both privately and while visiting PCVs and US-funded projects. We have learned a lot about the country, its culture and its needs and look forward to strengthening the already improving ties between the United States and Burkina Faso. I was fortunate to meet several members of the FOBF in Washington just before my departure and am very impressed by their continued and active interest in Burkina Faso.

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The first group of girls to be recruited under the MCC program



U.S. Ambassador Jeanine Jackson with Mrs. Marie Odile Bonkougou, Minister of Basic Education and Literacy at the inauguration in June of the MCC funded program to improve access to girls education.

EMBASSY



PARTNERSHIP FLOURISHES

by Suzanne Plopper, '67-'69, Project Committee

I am happy to report on several developments in our partnership with NEEDED.

The lambs (a.k.a. mouton ecole) project, which supports the education of young girls from villages in the Tangaye and Oula departments in northern Burkina has benefited for the third year in a row from a generous donation of \$1200 Canadian from the students and staff of the Pensionnat Notre-Dame-des-Anges in Montreal. Once again, the students with the assistance of Sylvie Quenneville, Animatrice de Pastoral, planned a day when they brought lunches from home in lieu of taking their noon meal provided by the school. The school agreed to donate the cost of that meal to the lambs' project, making it possible to support approximately 25 girls entering school next year. We are very appreciative of the students, their families and the teachers and staff of the Pensionnat Notre-Dame-des-Anges for their thoughtfulness and generosity!

A reminder to anyone associated with a primary, middle or secondary school who is interested in supporting the education of young girls in Burkina: involving children in such a school project can be a very rewarding and educational experience. For further information, contact me at smplopper@aol.com.

The College Modern de l'Amitie (CMA), providing the next step for girls who have successfully completed primary school with NEEDED's sponsorship, reports the following results from their first year of operation: 71% of students qualified to go on to the next year of studies, 22% will repeat their first year, and 7% will be oriented toward other forms of training.

These are excellent results for the CMA's first year of operation. They represent more than twice the success rate of public middle schools in the region. It is anticipated that with the provision of school lunches next year, 90% of students will succeed in passing qualifying exams.

The college has recently gained a new building housing a modest library, canteen and infirmary. The construction of this building was made possible by a generous contribution by a small German foundation. FBF is collaborating with Global Giving, in an effort to raise approximately \$12,000 to provide lunches for 200 students of the college for the

2006-2007 school year. Check out the FBF web page on the GG web site at <http://www.global-giving.com/>.

NEEED is nearing the end of construction of a second bloc of four classrooms. These additional classrooms are needed because of the large number of primary school girls passing qualifying exams enabling them to continue

their education at the college level. The estimated cost of the second set of classrooms is approximately \$30,000. Thanks to the efforts of Alex Koch (and ardent supporter of NEEDED) and her friends and acquaintances, FBF has received six generous donations (totaling \$27,425) in sup-

port of the construction of these classrooms.

Meanwhile, NEEDED has informed FBF that Peace Corps has agreed to assign a math teacher to the college the next year, with NEEDED paying the PCV's lodging.

FBF and NEEDED welcome Girogio Sotiriou, a new SED volunteer who is replacing Lars Wensel in Ouahigouya, as our new PCV collaborator.



Students and staff of the Pensionnat Notre-Dame-des-Anges in Montreal during their diner de la faim to support the education of primary school girls through NEEDED.

We are very appreciative of the students, their families and the teachers and staff of the Pensionnat Notre-Dame-des-Anges for their thoughtfulness and generosity!

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UNEXPECTED REUNION *continued from page 1*

were already doing the bulk of the work for producing the cotton anyway.

Last October, I heard that Haoua had just been featured in *Afrique* magazine as part of an article on the international cotton subsidization issue. Haoua was featured for her work as a female financial advisor to cotton producer cooperatives. News traveled fast. Through contacts with several RPCVs, I was asked to nominate Haoua for the 2006 International Bridge Builders Conference at Harvard which invites grassroots leaders from around the world to share their skills, successes, and struggles in international development and community organizing with the Harvard community and beyond.

With a one-week application deadline and unable to reach Haoua, I wrote an application explaining why Haoua would make a great Bridge Builder. In December, I was informed that Haoua had been chosen to participate in the conference and visit the US in February 2006. I passed the news to Haoua.

Haoua spent a fabulous month in the US, experiencing many firsts—first snow, first escalator, first hamburger, first automatic flush toilet. Watching in amazement as I plugged an air mattress into the wall to inflate it, Haoua commented, “*Chez les americans, tout est automatique!*”

During her stay, Haoua visited Boston, Washington DC and New York City and spent time in the homes of six RPCVs and

one current PCV home for spring break. She met and exchanged ideas with leaders in international development in the US and other grassroots leaders from around the world during the conference at Harvard. In Washington DC, Haoua spoke at OXFAM on International Women’s Day about her work setting up the all-women’s cotton union. Throughout her stay, Haoua met approximately 25 current and past volunteers from Burkina Faso/Haute Volta and RPCVS from other countries. On every occasion and interaction, she put Burkina Faso on the map!

What a serendipitous chain of events that led to this very unexpected reunion with my good Burkinabé friend here in America. When I left Burkina, I wondered how I might meet the third goal of Peace Corps: how I would bring home all that I learned and experienced in a way that people would get excited about my country of service. Though I know that achieving the third goal is a continual process and not a one-time event, having Haoua here, sharing all of her amazing qualities with everyone she met, made reaching that goal so much easier and that much more enjoyable.

For information on the Bridge Builder’s Conference and how you can nominate your own “Haoua”, please visit: <http://bbconference.pbwiki.com/>

For information on Haoua’s presentation at OXFAM, please visit: <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1400&ref=2>



NEW BOARD MEMBER

Kristie McComb has agreed to fill the job of Vice President/Membership Chair for the Board of FBF until elections are held in October 2007. Kristie served as a community health Peace Corps volunteer between 2001 and 2003. Stationed in Tiefora, Kristie secured funding for training and provision of medical kits to community health workers, mentored outreach programs aimed at educating youth about HIV/AIDS, and helped establish village credit and savings solidarity groups. Following her 2-year tour of duty with the Peace Corps, Kristie was hired by The Carter Center to plan and execute a Guinea worm eradication program in Gorom-Gorom, the most endemic region in Burkina at the time. Kristie is currently working for the Farmworker Health Service, Inc., a national non-profit that provides technical assistance to migrant and community health centers throughout the United States to improve their outreach with seasonal and migrant farmworkers. Kristie holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Emory University and a BA degree from the University of Georgia where she graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.



APRODES PROJECT REPORT

by Tom Fox, '67-'69, Projects Committee

Friends of Burkina recently received a report from the APRODES Project which we began supporting earlier this year. The following has been excerpted from this report.

APRODES
(Action de Production pour le
Développement Economique et Social)
PROVINCE DU BAM / KONGOUSSI
BURKINA FASO

RAPPORT D'ACTIVITE **(Achat de matériel et démarrage des** **activités)**

Ce rapport constitue le premier rapport relatif à la subvention de \$ 4500 accordée à APRODES par les Amis du Burkina Faso pour les activités de maraîchage des femmes de Loulouka et de Koumbango.

Ce rapport concerne essentiellement l'achat du matériel et les activités liées au démarrage des activités notamment les installations à Koumbango et le projet « maïs » à Loulouka.

I. Achat de matériel : Tout le matériel prévu a été acheté.

II. Remise de matériel

Cérémonie

Nous avons procédé à la remise du matériel au niveau de la communauté en présence des responsables coutumiers, les responsables religieux et administratifs du village.

Une rencontre a été faite avec le bureau exécutif du groupe des femmes qui a procédé à la répartition du matériel notamment les charrettes en fonction des zones de concentration des femmes.

Répartition du matériel

Des personnes dans le groupe ont été mandatées pour assurer la garde des charrettes.

III. Installation des infrastructures et **démarrage des activités**

Projet maïs à Loulouka

L'acquisition de la motopompe a permis de démarrer le projet de maïs. Pendant que l'ancienne moto pompe est installée au niveau du projet maïs, la nouvelle moto pompe a été placée pour terminer la campagne de production d'oignon.

37 femmes participent actuellement au projet maïs. Cette production est prévue pour prendre fin en juin 2006.

Installation du projet à Koumbango

Les travaux sur le nouveau périmètre à Koumbango se sont bien déroulés. Le creusage du canal a eu lieu le 28 Avril 2006. La connexion des nouveaux tubes PVCs a eu lieu le 2 Mai 2006 avec la participation de Mr. Chris Wilson.

Les travaux d'installation sont faits par APRODES et les membres des communautés bénéficiaires du projet en majorité les femmes qui ont participé aux travaux de creusage du canal et de connections des tubes PVC.

This project appears to be in great shape. The reporting we have received from M. KINDA Bakary is excellent, both about the program and about the expenditures. Everything is right on track. Moreover, the very constructive role being played by PCV Chris Wilson has made a significant impact. For example, he recently wrote: "Two weeks ago, a PCV from Djibo came down to Kongoussi, along with the president of a savings and credit club in Djibo, and helped establish four savings and credit clubs among the women in Loulouka. This will enable the women to maximize their profits from the market gardening project. It'll also help the project become more sustainable, making it easier for the women to buy any new equipment that becomes necessary." We are lucky that Chris, who initiated this "consultancy" himself, is so engaged in the project.





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- I would like to join the National Peace Corps Association — \$35 a year.
- I would like to make an FBF Project Fund contribution of \$_____.
- I would like to make an FBF Newsletter Fund contribution of \$_____.

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FBF MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE TELETHON

by Kristie McComb

Coming to your phone/inbox soon! Friend of Burkina Faso is in the process of updating its database and we want to make sure we know how to find our friends and generous donors. We look forward to continuing to send out our award-winning newsletter to current members interested in all that is new with FBF. But we've lost touch with a few of you over the years—are you one of them?

In addition to encouraging our out-of-date and current members to update and/or verify their contact information on line via our website, a member of our membership committee may telephone you in the near future to update your contact information. Please don't hang up—they are all volunteering their time to keep communication lines open and our FBF membership database current. The

telethon will begin in August and be completed by November 30, 2006. After 11.30.06, if we have not been able to contact you or haven't heard from you, your membership will be given "inactive status" and you will no longer receive a copy of our Burkina Connection newsletter.

Please visit the following link to update your membership information in our database: http://fbf.tamu.edu/udt_login.html. Not sure of your FBF number? It is a one-to-four digit number between 1-1500 and can be found on the mailing label of back issues of Burkina Connection. If this does not work, please email Kristie McComb at kristie_mccomb@ekit.com and request your number be sent via email.

Thanks for supporting us in our endeavors to keep in touch—we hope to reconnect with each of you soon!



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