



# Kawara News

*Our vision is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the village of Kawara, Burkina Faso, West Africa, establish a Church for the maturing of believers as well as encouraging community development through education, medical care/training, and vocational training.*

Dear Friends,

I'd like to share with you some of the recent testimonies coming out of Kawara. Be encouraged as you read.

## School

Afoussatou Z. , one of our students who passed her 9th grade exams this year shared that she will never forget Bethsaleel school. She is registered to attend 10th grade in another school this fall but if we open the High School classes, she would gladly return to us to finish out her secondary education.

The parents of students had a time of review of the school year with Abraham. The work he did in meeting with each student and their parents brought necessary reconciliation and a realization that the ministry is truly investing into this community. The villagers are saying that our school has a real future.

By your prayers and giving we will see these students rise up and succeed in their education and have opportunity to be introduced to and come into relationship with the Lord Jesus.

## Church

This years farming season has brought five families of the church into a difficult time of persecution. Their extended families refused to give them land to cultivate on their farms because they are following Jesus. Abraham was able to negotiate a change of decision for two of the families but the other three have been left to fend for themselves. It is a testing time for their faith and an opportunity for them to see how the Lord will provide for their needs as they follow him.



Class of 9th grade 2017-2018



Family members of students meeting with Abraham at the end of the past school term.



Some fruits of Abraham's labor on the land where our house is located.



Abraham says that when church meets, they share testimonies of the sustaining work of the Lord in their lives.

They are thankful to the Lord for overcoming physical, verbal and spiritual attacks which the enemy sends from people, snakes, scorpions, etc.

The believers are listening to the teachings Abraham brings and they are growing in faith as they cling to the Lord. They have abandoned their fetiches (articles of witchcraft) and they refuse to go to or listen to the sorcerers or witches. They are reading their Bibles in French and Djula at home and joining together for times of prayer on behalf of the ministry and those who are our partners. We join in the Lord's pleasure to see his people being transformed as they walk with him and follow his ways.

### Continuing work

Abraham is pursuing the needs of the school; getting the teachers registered with the local social security system and preparing the way for the school to include the higher grades in the future. Because of your giving, he was able to purchase metal armoires, shelving, a computer and printer and install solar powered electricity into the administration building.

Donations for a new vehicle are still coming in. May I encourage you to join this effort and think of a year end gift now?

Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry.

Persevering by grace and faith,

Joanie Peterson

### for the Kawara team

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### PRAYER & PRAISE

**\*Praise** the Lord for the students who have moved on with a good testimony of the time they spent studying with us in Kawara and for the influence the Lord has had in their lives.

**\*Praise** the Lord for the perseverance of the Believers in Kawara Church.

**\*Pray** for a successful school year, which began in October.

**\*Pray** for the advancement of the ministry in this region and the security of the nation.

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