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NEWS

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... guided in faith, a non-profit charity improving life of the people of Burkina Faso.

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Dear Friends and Advocates,

It really has been an extraordinary year, hasn't it? Our Faso Life, Inc. members have met the challenges head on with great dedication and creativity in our fundraising efforts.

Our Yennenga School House (YSH) students in Tamssin, were back in school full time after a 6 week quarantine with an exciting increased enrollment of 19 children. That puts us at 68 total students. Their sister school here in Pittsburgh, Providence Heights Alpha School helped pay the YSH teacher's salaries from their fundraising efforts.

We were then blessed with a generous offer from Modern Mosaic Consulting to assist us in a review of our work over the past 3 years with a clearer picture moving forward.

The most exciting news though is the upcoming search for our next village in Burkina Faso. We are working with the Burkina Faso Minister of Education in search for a village that can use our help. We ask that you continue your support through your prayers and generous financial commitment.

May all the blessings He has given us, fill your Christmas and the coming year with many reasons for rejoicing.

Suzie DeVore, President

SIDEWALK CHALK COMPETITION - FUNDRAISER



Announcing... Sidewalk Chalk Competition!

What: Alpha students and their families create chalk drawings that will be sent to the children in Tamssin, Burkina Faso. The top three entries judged by the teachers will receive **prizes!!**

Who: All Alpha families, faculty and staff can submit one chalk drawing

Where: Alpha family homes/driveway

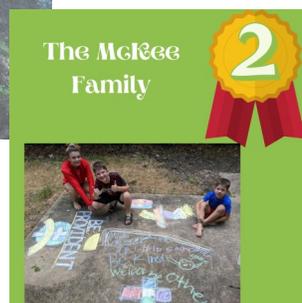
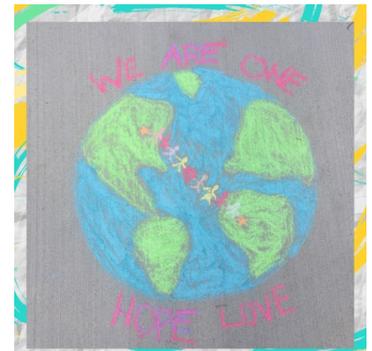
When: Pictures of chalk submissions due **Friday, June 19th**. Winners announced **Monday June 22nd**.



We are very excited to announce that our 1st Sidewalk Chalk Competition fundraiser was born due to everything closing down by Covid-19 pandemic.

Stuck at home, our Advisor Marissa Muth and the Providence Heights Alpha School parents devised this event to provide some fun during this "stay-at-home" closure, while fundraising for Faso Life.

Congratulations to the Bruno, McKee, and Bahm families for first, second, and third place.



WE RAISED \$45

Thank you all that participated.

The drawings are so beautiful and thoughtful !



FROM BURKINA FASO

Covid-19 PANDEMIC



Although Burkina Faso has been less affected by the Covid-19 pandemic than its neighboring countries, there are 2,777 confirmed cases with 68 deaths as of November 15, 2020. The pandemic did not have a chance to spread due to the scarcely populated areas in the natural land cover of savanna.



A more difficult task of pandemic information and educational sessions being broadcast to all citizens was the reach of the people in the small villages of savanna.



This past year we have been meeting with Modern Mosaic Consulting, professional consultants whose mission is to “empower the nonprofit community for greater impact.” In our zoom meetings with their staff, we are fine-tuning our mission and vision statements as well as strategic goals and objectives in our desire to help increase educational opportunities for the people of Burkina Faso.

We have appreciated the warmth, passion and professionalism of Modern Mosaic in this process and highly recommend their services. Please contact them at www.ModernMosaicConsulting.com.



WE RAISED \$668

Thank you all that participated.

MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER



We thank and recognize Joe Vivitoro, owner of Mar-Bethel Golf for hosting the event and donating to our cause.

Also, we recognize a number of students from Providence Heights Alpha School that came to support us.

67 Lanterns

“LANTERNS FOR CHRISTMAS” FUNDRAISER

The true joy of Christmas

Imagine you are 9 years old, you have finished school and you have chores to do before you can start your homework. Now it's 6:00 pm, you have completed your chores, the sun is setting and it is dark inside your hut. That is how it is for our 67 students in Tamssin.

Their chores include working their farm, walking several miles to the river to collect water, or collecting twigs for the fire. These chores are for daily survival, so they must come first.

As a Christmas present, we are fundraising to purchase lanterns to help the children study in their huts after they have completed their daily chores.

The children have saved their best outfit and shoes (not sandals) for this day. Mom is busy preparing a large pot of rice and a special hibiscus drink to share with all their neighbors and family. Santa has brought meat or fish which will be added to the pot.

The Christmas tradition is to take plates full of Mom's dinner and the Christmas drink to each neighbor and they will do the same. Then the families will go house to house throughout the village wishing a “Happy Christmas” to all. There are drums playing, villagers dancing while the children run around celebrating the Birth of Christ and the joys of sharing meat and fish from Santa.

Help us raise \$1,500 to purchase 67 Lanterns for children at Yennenga School House.

GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE

When you donate to Faso Life, Inc., you can be sure that your gift is going to the children in Burkina Faso. We have proven systems in place to ensure accountability of all project funds, including regular project updates from directors in Burkina Faso and financial reports that document precisely how all funds are spent. When you give to Faso Life, you can give with confidence.

If you have questions regarding giving or funding, please contact Executive Director, Suzie DeVore, at 724 - 799 - 7049.