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## FNTE in Action

### A Note From Our President

I have returned a month and a half ago from my home country, Burkina Faso, with my wife and a group of six wonderful people. Despite the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus, these six people (pictured below) were determined and dedicated in their hearts to go with us on FNTE Service Trip.

We are glad to report that we have all returned home safely and grateful to you for your support and prayers. Though Burkina Faso is in West Africa, it is not one of the countries impacted by Ebola. I praise God for my team's healthy return home, pray for the nations that are suffering of the virus, and dream for an epidemic of education rather than an epidemic of Ebola.



Alfred K. Koala with twin orphans, Assane and Daouda, from one of FNTE's supported families

Because of such a dream, I couldn't help but hold orphaned Assane and Daouda Kabore close to my heart. At age 15 I was disowned by my family for becoming a Christian. However, my loneliness wasn't nearly as difficult as it is right now for these twin boys. They are being raised by their grandparents who are one of our care package recipients. The two boys have started attending school as of this month,

October 2014. It was truly a blessing for me to hold the 7 year old boys in my arms knowing they will no longer starve like I did; instead, they will have the opportunity of education like I now have. Please be sure to watch our service trip video after your reading.

On behalf of Assane and Daouda and the other 120 schooled children, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continuing support to FNTE.  
Blessings on you,

Alfred K. Koala

## Service Trip to Burkina Faso

### Helping People Help Themselves



Service trip team pictured left to right: Larry, Debbie, Jacky, Gilbert, Jeff, Karen, Brian, Ashley, Tega, and Alfred

Our team of 8 flew as far as a plane could, drove to some villages and biked to the next ones because there were no roads for cars. Sometimes the road ended and we had to walk our bikes to the next road. It was pretty challenging for some who are used to driving on wide paved roads with air conditioning. However, there is nothing to be compared to the difference we made in the Burkinabes' lives and the difference they have made in ours. For Jacky, "our lives will never be the same". From drilling 2 clean water wells, to the eye and dental clinics; from training and visits on the farms to the school property and, from a youth camp to planting trees, this trip was the very dent we've made in the world. We give our thanks to FNTE local team in Burkina Faso. They are the best team ever and have made our stay enjoyable. With the locals, we became one family with one focus: Helping people help themselves.

The opportunity to travel with Mr. Koala was an eye opener for us to be grateful for what we have here at home. Also, to know that what we give to FNTE is actually doing more than what we think, is a big plus. Please click [FNTE in action](#) to watch the video about

our trip and join us to make a lasting difference in the most destitute places on our planet. We know that not everyone can go, but everyone can help. Please make a tax-deductible [donation today!](#)



Amado's family cultivating their millet farm



Rasmane's family cultivating their bean farm



New well in Thyou-Kantoghin (3000 people)



New well in Gogho (2000 people)



Women planting tree on FNTE school property



4,750 eye glasses were donated by VSP Global



We bicycled through villages to visit FNTE supported families



Dr. Fleming and Karen serving at the dental clinic



Dr. Morse and his wife Debbie serving at the eye glass clinic

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## Educating a Nation Means Educating its Children



120 children now in school as a result of FNTE care packages

At FNTE, We are not just providing poor families with bulls, plows, and food; we ensure that people are trained, bulls are vaccinated, and that both people and animals have clean water to drink while achieving our ultimate goal- their children being educated. With your donations, we have been able to help 36 families with our care package. As a result those families are putting 120 children through school. Some of the students want to be doctors, nurses, and teachers, just to name a few. With the exponential growth strategy our founder came up with, your donation to a family multiplies over the course of the years. For instance, if you give an FNTE care package to a family today, that family gives to another one 5 years after. As the cycle continues, your initial gift of one FNTE care package grows from one family to many families, making possible for many children to have access to education. For more information, please visit us and donate at [www.feedingnations.org](http://www.feedingnations.org).



Thank you from the children



Some of the children now in school

## First Hand Experiences

### A Real Eye Opener

We have known Alfred Koala for over seven years, meeting him three days after he arrived in Chico, CA. We consider him our son and our extended family considers him as one of their own. When he and Ashley were married a couple of years ago, she too became our daughter.

Alfred lived in our home and we have seen how he began Feeding Nations Through Education. We saw him wait on God, for hours at a time, before he would take each step in his life and for this ministry. The faith that he has we have not known in any other. We spent many hours hearing stories of Alfred's family in the village and yet those stories could not prepare me (Evonne) for what I saw in person. Traveling to Burkina Faso with Alfred was a real eye opener. To see the lives that were changed by a pair of bulls and a plow, a well and a grist mill were life changing for me. The joy and thankfulness that came from the villagers will never be forgotten!

What we Americans might spend on a short vacation could easily change a Burkinabe family's life forever. We have seen and we support this ministry with full confidence in it. What you see is what you get. Rest assured the funds you donate transform the lives of many families. In case you haven't, FNTE is what you want to support.  
Sincerely,

Brad and Evonne Holmberg



Brad and Evonne Holmberg took part in the FNTE 2011 service trip to Burkina Faso

## In the Spotlight

# A Story of Change

Pierre Koala and his family of 13 used to go some days with no food. Now they are producing enough food to feed their family for a year because, "We are planting a farm 5 times larger than we could before we had the bulls and plow". For Pierre, the training was what made his success. "Alfred didn't just give us tools, he trained us how we can be successful using the tools", said Pierre. Not only are they no longer starving but also, they're able to send 4 children (2 of his own and 2 from his extended family) to school for education.



Pierre Koala with 2 of his children and FNTE care package

Pierre is now the FNTE farmers association president in the village of Thyou. As president, he helps train the newest families who receive the FNTE care package and organizes farmers meetings before and after harvest.

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Thanks for joining us to make a lasting difference in the most destitute places on our planet.

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