

# VILLAGE OF HOPE – BURKINA FASO

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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTHS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2011

Dear sponsors,

We are at the beginning of the school year and the children are back to the Village Of Hope. This year the grades go up to 10. Grade 10 is the last year of the junior secondary school and they will be writing a national exam at the end of the school year.

### **During the school break:**

Some of the leaders of the Village of Hope went to the villages of the children to meet with their parents in order to discuss on how we can work together for the well being of the children. Those meetings also aimed at making the parents sensitive to the importance of the children's schooling. Thus, they invited the parents to keep in touch with the VOH and to encourage their children to be disciplined in their behaviour and to work hard. There we also saw some of the students.



The bigger children went to the Fara farming Project. They wished to help in one way or other, because they all know it is for their own well being. They want the crops to go well so it may help them with good food during the school year. They enjoyed camping in Fara.

At the end of the school year, the children did well in general. They received some rewards from the government this year again. Five of the children received prizes on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September this month.

**RECRUITMENT FOR GRADE 1:** This year, the number of the new students for grade 1 is limited to fifty instead of sixty. Among them are 9 children from the northern region, from a city called Dori. Their tribe is called the Fulani people and they speak another dialect. The grade 1 teacher is struggling with them in class, for they speak no other language. Yet one of the cooks can speak their language and she is always ready to help in understanding them.

**OUEDRAOGO Wennemi Arthur:** This child is a new recruit child for grade 1. He is from a large family of almost 30 people, including cousins whose parents died and left them with no care. Some of them do not attend school because of lack of means. They need to work for food. His father is a farmer and his mother used to help the father to cultivate, but she died after delivering him. His mother has two other children and the eldest son does not attend school.



Thanks to everyone and to all those who were able to visit the village of hope up to now. We pray that each one of you will find time and the means to visit the VOH. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**