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If you haven't seen the website lately...please look! It's been redone and looks great.

Dear Partners in the Faith and the Fight,

This email contains missionary Lynn Kennedy's latest news from Burkina Faso, West Africa and Shattering Darkness Ministries.

We hope you are blessed by reading about God's work!

Updates

Greetings once again in the Glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Power of One! Sometimes we can lose track of the impact upon eternity that just one person committed to the Lord can make. To encourage and bless and inspire you, our next few newsletters will tell stories of the Power of our Lord Jesus working through individuals who are making a difference in Burkina Faso.

"And they were bringing children to Him (Jesus) so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them,

"Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all. And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them." (Mark 10:13-16 NASV)

In 2009 a medical mission team to the village of Kamkaniba, treated Sonya, a young girl with a cleft palate. The team had no available help for her disfiguring condition but Doris, one of the non-medical team members helping with logistics and prayer, was drawn to this shy introverted child. Doris returned to the U.S. and contacted many, many agencies, trying to find surgical help for Sonya. After months of dead ends, Doris emailed me in frustration. Before giving up, I tried one more thing.... I googled 'Cleft palate surgery in Burkina Faso'. Up popped A BETTER LIFE FOUNDATION. This organization is based in Sweden but operating in Ouagadougou our capital city! Doris made it possible for Sonya to receive care from this organization and eventually have the corrective surgery. Since her surgery this girl has blossomed, she interacts with other children and has started school. More wonderful, Sonya has given her life to our Lord Jesus! On a recent visit to Kamkaniba, I saw Sonya. She was all dressed up and attending a weekday church meeting. The moment she saw me, she came to me and allowed me to hug her (and later take this photo).



Could it get any better? Oh yes! We have trained our folks to use the 'Evangecube' as a simple yet clear way to present the gospel using images. The local pastor, Claude, had visited Sonya and had the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with her mother using the Evangecube. That day Sonya's mom repented of sin and gave her life to Christ. She looked toward Sonya saying: "I was ashamed of Sonya and would not even leave the house with her. I have seen how you have loved her and provided care for her. I have seen the way she has changed. She has made the right decision. She is on the right path. I want to walk the same path." Below, Sonya and her mother at church.



**Doris opened the doors through prayer and action...
two lives have been changed for eternity!**

*Hidden in the One shattering darkness,
Lynn*

If you have enjoyed and been touched by our e-newsletters we have a favor to ask. Please pass along the newsletter to friends and co-workers. We are attempting to expand our contact base and each of you reading this month's edition know many people we never meet this side of heaven. To receive this bi-monthly e-newsletter simply send your email address to : triczny@comcast.net

Upcoming Impact Team Schedule for 2012

- 1. Dr. Sheplay and 15 member GHO team arrives for medical work on May 28**
- 2. Mari Goldade arrives June 17 and departs with the ND Team on August 3**
- 3. Pastors Richie Allen and David Coggins arrive June 19 and depart June 27**
- 4. The Girdners (Gabe, Amy and Liam) June 27 and depart August 3. This is a preparation trip for a long term mission assignment with Shattering Darkness**
- 5. FBC Williston ND and 15 member team arrives July 26 and departs August 3**
- 6. Pastor Ken Hucks and 5 member team arrive August 14 and depart August 26**
- 7. Rev. Steven Moore and 5 member team arrive August 14 and depart August 26**

Praise and Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

PRAISES:

- New wells in the villages of Tjenjiero, Nakar and Bapla-Birifor.
- New houses of worship in Bisserké, Nane and Bapla-Birifor.
- Pastor Maturin recuperating from major surgery.
- 40 Americans coming between 5/28 and 8/28 this summer! Stays range from 10 days to 9 weeks!
- Patrice, Celine, Elisée and Aquilas were here for Easter break from seminary.

PRAYER:

- Strength and safety during all the Impact Teams from America.(For the Teams and for us)
- Elisée and Narcisse recovering from a bad cases of measles!
- Patrice and Celine have been invited to attend the annual Shattering Darkness Board meeting in the US in September. Please pray that the US Embassy here will process visa approval for them and also for Elisée and Aquilas!
- Our Board of Director is in the process of LONG RANGE PLANNING. Please pray that we will each hear from our Lord and each be willing to pay the price of obedience and faithful service.

From each of us here to each of you there; be it Canada, Northern Ireland, America, South America.....thank you for partnering with our Lord via Shattering Darkness Ministries.

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We cannot place a dollar amount value on this. Can you?"

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