



## *You're freeing kids trapped by hunger in* **BURKINA FASO**

**B**urkina Faso. It's one of the most difficult places in the world to live. Not only is the country politically unstable with a growing threat from extremist Islam, but food supplies are also extremely insecure.

As always, it's a struggling nation's children who are the most vulnerable. Recent reports suggest that around 500,000 kids under the age of 5 in Burkina Faso are currently suffering acute malnutrition—with 149,000 of those at risk of dying from hunger.

It's a vicious cycle. Hungry families desperately try to scratch out a living

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from the land. Kids are kept out of school since they're needed to work the crops. So the next generation remains uneducated, with no hope or power to bring about change. Their poverty... and hunger... grind on.

But you're changing that. In partnership with indigenous ministries in Burkina Faso, you're breaking the cycle—and freeing precious children from the hunger trap.

Children like 15-year-old Salamata.

Growing up in an impoverished Muslim family, Salamata has been under the care of Feed The Hungry partners for the last seven years. Not only has she received a steady supply of food to fuel her growth and development, but the guarantee of a daily meal has allowed her to stay in school. And most important, she's come to know Christ as her Savior!

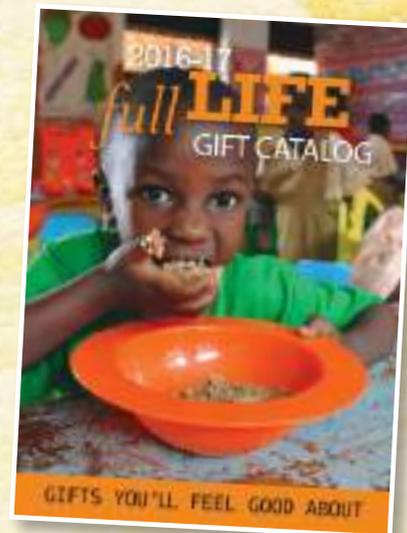
Salamata has been freed from the relentless cycle of poverty and hunger, and she looks to the future full of new hope—now and into eternity!

Thanks to friends like you, 5,000 vulnerable kids like Salamata are currently getting daily nutritious meals through our *Every Child, Every Day* program in Burkina Faso. At more than 34 centers across the country, children are receiving the food they crave—as well as the chance to encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life!

Our partners on the ground tell us that despite the increasing dominance of Islam, there's a great openness in Burkina Faso right now—not only for accepting practical food aid, but also for receiving the truth of the gospel. But with the growing presence of extremist groups, the doors won't remain open indefinitely.

"Right now we can import the cargo," explains Pastor Joseph, our Burkina Faso coordinator. "We can get the rice meals in. But we will not be able to openly preach and share the truth forever."

Thank you for all you're doing to help make the most of the open doors into Burkina Faso. Your support is freeing so many precious kids from the hunger trap, introducing them to Christ... and showing them the joy of a full life!



## Give a gift you'll feel good about!

We're excited to announce the launch of this year's online *Full Life Gift Catalog*! You can choose from a range of inspirational gifts—from bowls and cooking pots, to chickens, kitchens, trucks... and much more.

Whichever gifts you choose, you'll make a real and lasting difference for some of the world's hungriest children. And you'll give boys and girls an education and the life-transforming chance to learn about Jesus!

Visit [feedthehungry.org/catalog](http://feedthehungry.org/catalog) to change lives today—which is something to feel very good about!

# Country Focus:

# BURKINA FASO

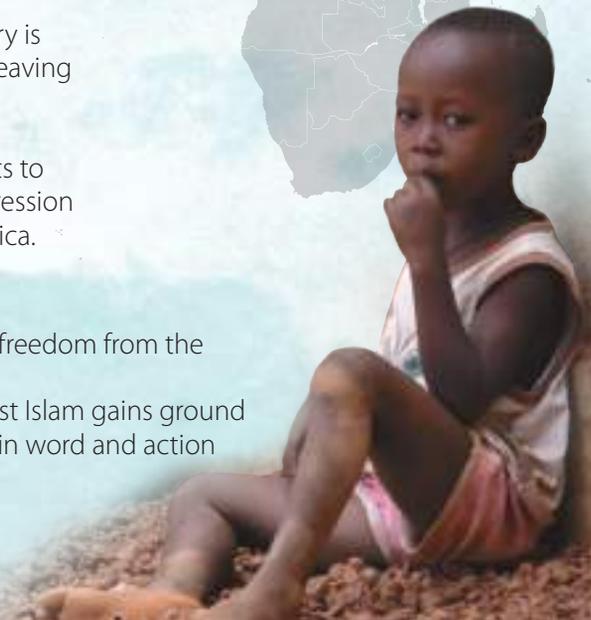
<b>Population:</b>	19,512,533 (July 2016 estimate)
<b>Languages Spoken:</b>	French (official) and native African languages
<b>Main Religions:</b>	Muslim (61.1%), Catholic (23.2%)
<b>Poverty:</b>	46.7% live below the poverty line
<b>Infant Mortality Rate:</b>	73.8 deaths for every 1,000 births
<b>Child Workers:</b>	38% of children ages 5-14 work

Daily life is a constant struggle for the people of Burkina Faso. The country is physically harsh with the Sahara desert encroaching further every year, leaving the climate volatile and unpredictable.

Extremes of flash flooding and severe drought relentlessly hamper efforts to farm food from the land. Spiritually, the country is under increasing oppression too, with a growing tide of extremist Islam moving south from North Africa.

## PLEASE PRAY THAT TOGETHER WE CAN:

- ▶ Reach more vulnerable children across Burkina Faso, bringing them freedom from the hunger trap and the hope of knowing Christ
- ▶ Make the most of the open doors into Burkina Faso, even as extremist Islam gains ground
- ▶ Win whole families and communities for Christ as we show His love in word and action



## Thank you for hearing their cries

**W**hile we watch the seasons change here at home, the extreme drought that has crippled many countries across Southern Africa is still blighting millions of lives.

The 2015–2016 drought in nations like Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho has been the worst in 35 years, leaving millions facing starvation and malnutrition.

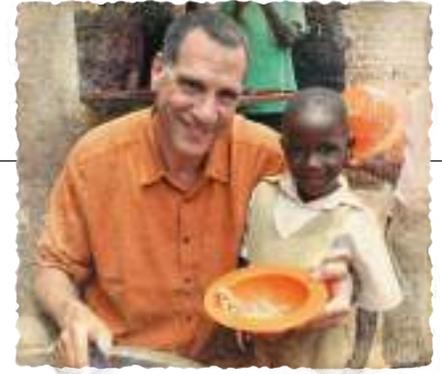
“It’s hard enough on a good day to survive here,” says Stefan Radelich, president of Feed The Hungry, who recently visited Malawi to see firsthand the devastating effects of the drought. “These people have lost two years’ worth of crops. They’re hungry, they’re starving, and they’re worried that their children aren’t going to make it.”

Despite the drought’s severity, this tragedy has largely gone unnoticed by the international media. The cries of countless children in the grip of hunger have mostly gone unheard. But you have heard their cries! And you have responded.

We’re so thankful for a generous wave of support from friends like you, which has enabled us to step up our food provision in the worst hit areas of Southern Africa. Our trusted church partners on the ground are now distributing the food you’ve provided and sharing the hope of Jesus with those most in need. On their behalf, thank you!

*You’re responding to the drought in Southern Africa and showing so many the joy of a full life!*

## From Stefan to You



### You've helped us fulfill our promise!

Early this summer, we made a promise to reach 15,000 of the world's hungriest children through our 2016 Feeding Challenge.

You responded with an overwhelming outpouring of support through our *90 Days of Promise*—and now we're able to fulfill our commitment to feed an additional 15,000 precious kids!

Every meal you've provided is bringing lasting change—as happy kids with full tummies are able to keep attending school. And of course, each one is blessed with the chance to hear the Good News of Jesus—the One who always keeps His promises. *Thank you for your partnership!*

Dear Friend,

I wish you could meet Pastor Joseph.

For the last few years, this passionate and courageous man of God has spearheaded our work on the ground in Burkina Faso.

As you'll read on page 2 of this *Field Report*, doors are open right now for our ministry in this struggling nation—and thanks to your support, we're currently reaching thousands of the country's hungriest kids.

One of our most vital feeding centers in Burkina Faso is run by Pastor Daniel. He's 85 years old, and he is blind.

Around 70 vulnerable children live at Daniel's children's home—most of them orphans. "When a woman dies in childbirth, the common belief here is that the baby must be a witch," explains Joseph. "Some of those babies are buried in the coffin with their mother. Those who are spared are often abandoned on the street."

It's into this dark and oppressive culture that you're shining the light and love of Christ. And as our teams feed hungry children and tell them the Good News of Jesus, you're truly changing lives!

The people of Burkina Faso are hungry for food and hungry for the gospel. Feeding this hunger—through daily nutritious meals and through sharing the love of Christ—is at the very heart of our ministry in the 92 countries where we're at work today.

And it's only possible through your prayerful and generous partnership. Thank you.

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