

Global Mission / Burkina Faso

School Project: Evangelical High School of Tiogo

Burkina Faso Facts (UNESCO 2016)

- **Burkina Faso** means country of upright people
- **Official Language:** French
- **Religions** = Muslims 60% Catholics 19% Animists 15% Protestants 5%
- **Population** = 18 million
- **Population under 15** = 45.8 %
- **(15-24) Youth literacy rate** = 45.43 %



1- Global Mission

Global Mission is the name of the Christian organization that started this christian school project in Burkina Faso. Global Mission itself is a branch of (**The Return of the King Fellowship**), a larger Christian NGO based in California. Rev. Dr. Joshua Park is the President of both Organizations. I, Pawentare Kombassere, am the local representative of Global Mission in Burkina Faso. I met Dr. Park in 2013, on a divine appointment, in

the USA, while studying at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Since then, it has been my delight to cooperate with him to spread God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ, in my part of the world.



Classroom building

2- Evangelical High School of Tiogo

The Evangelical High School of Tiogo is the fruit of my cooperation with Dr. Park. The school is committed to provide a solid Christian education to middle and high school students in the village of Tiogo and to those from surrounding villages. With a low literacy rate, coupled with many challenges in its educational system, one of Burkina Faso's real needs is a sound education for the youth. We firmly believe that a quality education incorporates biblical values and is foundational to raising responsible and productive citizens.

3- Infrastructures

With God's help and thanks to the vision of the man of God, Dr. Joshua Park and his ministry partners, the following infrastructures were built and the school opened its doors in October 2015:

- 1- A four-classroom building
- 2- An office building
- 3- A well with a hand pump
- 4- Toilets



Office building

4- The Evangelical Aspect

In addition to providing good education to the youth, we also aim to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and the populations around the school. Jesus said in **John 14:6** : "*I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.*" Further on, in **1 Corinthians 10:20** the Bible explains that "*What pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.*" Thus, in a country where many still sacrifice animals to idols in desperate search for peace, we are not ashamed to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is the prince of peace. In the course of the academic year 2015-2016, we distributed new Bibles to all of our students who gladly received them. We open every class with prayer and use biblical wisdom in all we do. In addition to the regular courses, we also offer 2 hours of Bible classes weekly to our students. As a result, 17 students out of a total of 43 accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives. They are being discipled and are encouraged to attend a Bible-based church in the village.



Students holding their brand new Bibles

5- Location

The Evangelical High School of Tiogo is located in the village of Tiogo, 135 km west of Ouagadougou, the capital city of Burkina Faso. Tiogo is my native village. God gave us **20 acres** of land there.



Water is life! / Toilets in the background

6- Grades taught in 2015-2016

7th grade = 18 students
10th grade = 25 students

7- Students to be recruited in 2016-2017

7th grade 9th grade
8th grade 10th grade

8- Vision Statement:

Fight ignorance through quality Christian education to produce responsible and productive citizens, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the process, to make true disciples of those who believe and accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

(Our outreach is not only limited to the students but also to the community.)



It feels good to own a Bible

9- Future of the School

Dr. Park and his ministry partners funded the above enumerated school infrastructures. We are very grateful for their love for the people of Burkina Faso. May the Lord richly bless them. However, since we want to grow into a High school and a place of discipleship, we are giving the opportunity to anyone who would like to get involved with this vision to do so. Thank you for your prayers and Kingdom investments.

10- Short-term needs:

- A solar panel project for lighting and office work
- Musical instruments for evangelism as well as for on-campus worship services
- Sponsoring students in need

11- Long-term plans on our God-given

20 acres

- Four additional classrooms will be needed (by September 2017)
- A library
- A chapel for worship and discipleship for students and community
- A solar-powered pump for running water and growing food
- An apartment building for staff



Staff from left to right (Paw, Martine, Joseph, Hemaline & baby, Paul, Hortance)

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