



'GO' Team - Burkina Faso

1 - 11 February, 2019

Thank you for your interest in the 'GO Team' heading out to Burkina Faso to continue our partnership to plant churches there. God has called us all to live a life of adventure, and to go beyond previous horizons for the glory of his name. May the Spirit do new things in and through you, and as you read this information may you sense if this is a trip and a time for you to step out with others to see God do some transformational stuff in Africa!

Please read the following carefully so that you are informed about the context of the mission. Then prayerfully consider if you would like to apply and we'll take things from there.

Our Hosts

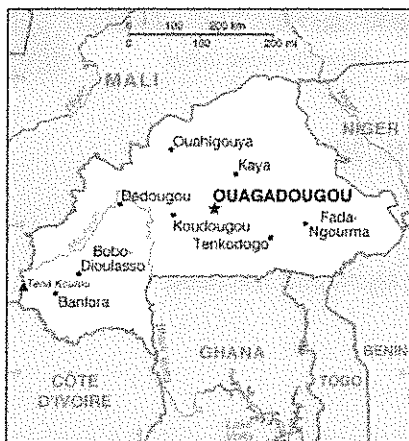
We will be hosted by Moise and Elizabeth Oubda (seen here with Tim and Helen, whilst visiting the UK recently).



They are an amazing couple who head up the Lafiabougou Assemblies of God church, from which a number of great social action initiatives have been formed including a Kindergarten, School, Boys Training centre and Dorcas centre, which trains girls the skill of sowing, creating clothes

and after a three year apprenticeship, they leave to go back to their villages trained and equipped with a sowing machine. Moise and Elizabeth are always looking for ways to serve their community with the

love of God, spreading the gospel both within Bobo and the surrounding villages. They have a heart for church planting and so far have planted over 35 churches in unreached villages, in Burkina Faso and also over the borders into Mali and Senegal. 7 of these churches were planted with the strategic support of our *Leegere Partnership*. Elizabeth has also started a micro financing support group, which loans ladies money to start or develop their small businesses.



Purpose of the trip

This GO team is heading out primarily to be part of the planting of a new church in an unreached village, as well as

encourage the other churches we've helped plant along the way. Depending on the needs of the specific village we're led to, we'll help Lafiabougou members with outreach events, perhaps using sports, drama, preaching, kids' work, etc. This will be confirmed nearer the time depending on our team's make-up and what Moise and Elizabeth ask us to do. We go to serve.

But what could I do?

Believe it or not, just by going and encouraging the people you meet with the love of Christ, you will be making a notable difference. Your prayers there matter. You have yourself to offer and you'd be surprised by what the Spirit of God might lead you to do when we're there. By *being* there you would be *doing* something worthwhile. We may help make some bricks, preach, provide practical help... Whatever we do, ultimately this is a trip to encourage the Burkina Faso church to be fruitful...

Accommodation

The team will be staying either in the newly finished house near Moise and Elizabeth's house or at a local hotel which is basic but clean.

Food

Most of our food will be provided by Elizabeth Oubda, who cooks Western style food. She and her team are very good cooks and will provide plenty to eat. The food is delicious.

By the way, when you drink water it should only be from a bottle. Don't drink the tap water. You'll need to drink plenty of fluids to keep hydrated; it is hot in Burkina Faso.

Cost and Payment

The cost of the mission is **£775.00** (this includes flights, in-country transport, food and accommodation). We will raise additional funds to support the church planting efforts.

Please send the completed application form to Jodie Laing, Wellspring Church, 1 Wellspring Way, Watford WD17 2AH or email it to: missions@wellspring-church.org by **Monday 30 July, 2018**. The first payment of **£150** is due by **13 August**. You can pay by cheque or via bank transfer. If you have questions on this, just contact Jodie Laing at the above email address. The **final** amount is payable by **January 15, 2019**.



Micro financina ladies

Booking flights

Jodie will co-ordinate the booking of flights ASAP through a travel agent and will need:

- passport number
- expiry date

- date of birth
- name as appears on passport
- place of issue of each member of the team

Visa

Visas need to be obtained in the UK before departure. They can be obtained from: Colin Seelig, the Honorary Consul of Burkina Faso. See website for full details of how to apply: www.burkinafasovisa.co.uk

Visa applications are your personal responsibility and are usually turned around very quickly (within a week), provided all the right documentation and fees accompany the application. **Please notify Jodie Laing once your visa has been granted.**

Insurance, injections and medications

We cannot cover the costs of arranging your own *essential* personal travel insurance or health costs including injections – details specific to Burkina Faso are as follows.

Injections:

You need to check with your GP/Practice Nurse at least 6 weeks ahead of travel what injections you may need for travelling to Burkina Faso. These are likely to include:

- Hepatitis A
- Typhoid
- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Yellow fever: you will need an up-to-date certificate which you may be asked to produce when entering the country.

You may or may not have to pay for these injections – that will depend on your doctor!

Medications:

You will also need a (private) prescription for anti-malaria tablets; we have usually had Malarone (or its cheaper equivalent Atovaquone and Proguanil) which need to be started a couple of days before travelling and continue for a week after you come home. See instructions specific to the drug.

You should also ensure you have an adequate supply of any medication you yourself need, as you may not be able to get more in Burkina Faso if you run out.

Some useful things to take with you:

- Bible and journal
- Insect repellent cream/lotion, wipes and plug-in devices (those containing DEET are best)
- High factor sun cream/lotion, preferably containing insect repellent, and after-sun
- Antihistamine tablets and gel/cream

- Tablets to stop sickness/diahorrea
- Rehydration tablets (can be useful if you've had the above)
- Laxative tablets
- Loo roll (not all the toilets you will use are sophisticated!)
- Antibacterial hand wipes/gel (ditto!)
- Basic First Aid kit
- Adaptor suitable for West Africa
- Hat and sunglasses,
- Torch

Clothes

Pastel colours should be avoided because of the dust which is red and gets everywhere, unless you don't mind red-stained clothes. Because of the heat cotton is advisable and polyester should be avoided. It is important to be smartly dressed particularly at the church meetings. Ladies where possible wear a longer length skirt/dress or trousers.

Key Dates

Application completed received by Wellspring Church	30 July 2018
Team confirmation	6 August 2018
Deposit for trip of £150.00	13 August 2018
Pre-trip prayer and training (essential attendance) x 2 meetings	TBC
Balance payment for the trip	15 January 2019
Visa confirmation to Jodie	20 January 2019
Trip to Burkina Faso	1st – 11th February 2019
(the exact dates may change by one day due to flight availability)	

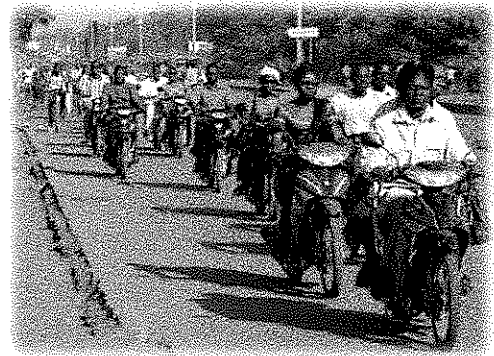
Itinerary and proposed activities for the trip

Meet at Wellspring Church	Church planting
Leave for London Heathrow Airport	Meeting with Lafiabougou church leaders, and structures leaders
Arriving at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	Visit of Dorcas ministries
Travel via car/coach to Bobo	

A little background information to Burkina Faso

More than 60 ethnic groups live in Burkina Faso, speaking a variety of different languages and dialects. Amongst these tribes, all over the country, churches are being planted and communities transformed.

The Mossi are the largest group and make up half the population. The Fulani are the second largest, forming around 8% of the population.



French is the official language and widely spoken in the towns and cities. However, in the countryside many people use the local languages, such as Moore/Moré (pronounced 'more-ray') spoken by the Mossi, Dioula (pronounced 'Jula') a trading language of West Africa and Fulfulde, the language of the Fulani in the north.

Burkina Faso means 'Land of Honourable/Incorruptible Men'. Burkina is a Moore word meaning 'honour'. Faso is the Dioula word for 'fatherland'. The Fulfulde language is reflected in the term 'Burkinabe', because 'be' is its plural for people. This use of all three main languages symbolises the unity of the country.

Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) achieved independence from France in 1960. Repeated military coups during the 1970s and 1980s were followed by multiparty elections in the early 1990s. Former President Blaise Compaore (1987-2014) resigned on 31 October 2014 following popular protests



against his efforts to amend the Constitution's two-term presidential limit. An interim administration, led by President Michel Kafando and Prime Minister Yacouba Isaac Zida is organizing presidential and legislative elections to be held in late 2015. Burkina Faso's high population growth and limited natural resources result in poor economic prospects for the majority of its citizens.

Burkina Faso is a poor, landlocked country that depends on adequate rainfall. About 80% of the population is engaged in subsistence farming and cotton is the main cash crop. The country has few natural resources and a weak industrial base. Cotton and gold are Burkina Faso's key exports and Burkina Faso's economic growth and revenue depends on global prices for the two commodities. The Burkinabe economy experienced high levels of growth over the last few years and gold accounted for about three-quarters of the country's total export revenues in 2013. The country has seen an upswing in gold exploration, production, and exports. Burkina Faso experienced a number of public protests over the high cost of living, corruption, and other socioeconomic issues in 2013 and the fall of the COMPAORE government in 2014 gave rise to labourers

pushing for better pay and working conditions. A new three-year IMF program was approved in 2013 to focus on improving the quality of public investment and ensuring inclusive growth. Political insecurity in neighbouring Mali, unreliable energy supplies, and poor transportation links pose long-term challenges. (1)

(1) Information from: www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook

Be Spiritually Prepared

Going on a short-term mission is a life changing experience. Expect God to speak to you as you are on the trip. Before the mission trip pray and listen to the Lord, both for yourself and the team as they prepare for the trip. On mission it is important that serving God is the primary focus, it is great to have fun, but the aim of the mission is serving Christ.

As an important start to each day, we will begin with a time of prayer and devotion where each team member shares in leading some element of it – these are usually very powerful times of encounter with God and spiritual growth.

Be willing to be used by God, have flexibility.

It is important to respect leadership, both that of Tim and Moïse and other leaders. This will encourage unity and bring a blessing. In all you do aim to honour those who oversee you. There are some religious restrictions/different traditions in other cultures... pray that God will show you the treasure in every person and also reveal himself to you, and them, in new ways.

If you have any issues on the mission, please come straight to Tim and the problem will be dealt with.

Useful contact information for the trip:

Moïse and Elizabeth Oubda;
Email address: oubda.moise@hotmail.fr
Home tel. no.: 00 22 678 026 812
Mobile tel. no.: 00 22 676 600 320
Address: B.P. 704
BOBO-DIOULASSO
Burkina Faso

Application form for an Overseas Mission Trip



TRIP LOCATION _____ DATE _____

FULL NAME AS APPEARS ON PASSPORT (please print): _____	DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ HOME ADDRESS: _____	HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ MOBILE NUMBER: _____
PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ DATE OF ISSUE: ____/____/____ DATE OF EXPIRY: ____/____/____ PLACE OF ISSUE: _____ Please attach a photocopy of your passport information page to the application form.	EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS WHILST YOU ARE AWAY (Next of Kin) NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ HOME TEL: _____ MOBILE: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____
This trip may require working in an environment where there are children or vulnerable adults; you will be required to complete a DBS form. Please tick here to state that you understand this: <input type="checkbox"/> If you already have a DBS issued within the last 3 years please give details below: Ref No. _____ Date of Issue: _____	Do you have any medical condition we need to know about? (including allergies) _____ Do you have a current First Aid Certificate? Y/N If yes, date of issue: _____
Are you on any medication we need to be aware of? Please give details in case of emergency: _____	Do you have any specific dietary requirements or food intolerances? Please give details: _____
If you have been attending Wellspring Church for 12 months or less, if possible please can you give details for a reference, by doing this you agree to us contacting the said person (previous Pastor or Employer) NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E MAIL: _____	We are looking forward to this mission trip and are glad you have applied. We will contact to confirm if you are accepted on this team. By applying to be part of this trip you agree to ensure that you abide by the values of the Bible and the Church and that you have been coming to services regularly for at least 6 months. You agree to follow the leadership of the team. You agree to having a DBS Police Check done and to ensuring that you have the correct insurance and appropriate inoculations. Signed _____ Date: _____

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