



Kingdom Investment International

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Burkina Faso at a Glance

(taken from BBC World News website)

- **Politics:** Coup leader Blaise Compaore won a new five-year term in 2010 after 23 years at the helm
- **Economy:** The UN rates Burkina Faso as the world's third poorest country with an average yearly income of \$670 per capita.
- **International:** Burkina Faso has been involved in the various conflicts of the region. Many citizens who had traditionally worked in Ivory Coast fled after recent instability there
- **Cotton:** Burkina Faso has significant reserves of gold, but cotton is the economic mainstay for many Burkinabes. Burkina Faso is a leading cotton producer in sub-Saharan Africa.



We at Kingdom Investment realize that sometimes it is hard to have a heart that is fully engaged in what is going on in other countries if we are unaware of the conditions and current situations that are being faced. That is why we would like to help you be informed so that praying for your child/children, and others in the Kingdom Investment program is easier.

As you continue to pray for all those involved in Kingdom Investment International, may God give you

his heart for those around the world whose living conditions are far from comparing to ours here in the United States. May God continue to give us compassion for his people.

A New Kind of Partnership through Micro Financing

The framework of Kingdom Investment International relies heavily on our vision for local sustainability. Local



sustainability refers to a venture funded or supported by local means and not supported by external forces. Our mission is to empower and raise the spirit of entrepreneurship so that individuals can pursue their God-given potential to support themselves. They may need assistance to start their small business, and we do assist them (with a monetary loan, training and support), but our goal is to help them thrive and excel in their new business venture. We continue to see our participants take complete ownership in their business endeavor with hard work along with a clear strategy to succeed. Kingdom Investment International believes local sustainability and local ownership instill dignity and empower individuals to fulfill their God-given talents. Thank you for your partnership.

Micro-financing Program

During the month of July, Kingdom Investment held a training workshop on how to start enterprises as well as offering funding assistance through our micro-finance program. A total of over 300 participants, men and women, were able to participate. As of date, 70.59% of our participants have finished paying their micro-finance loans and have reapplied for a loan with Kingdom Investment. This picture is of a lady who is learning to make and sell soap to wash clothes.



Partnering with Other NGO's to Make an Impact



Malaria is one of the leading causes of death in sub-Saharan Africa. In Bousé (pronounced Boo-say), a small village

of subsistence farmers in Burkina Faso, the disease places economic burden to affected families. With indoor residual spraying, residents are protected from mosquitoes that transmit malaria. Special thanks also to Cindy Cox from Belle Center, Ohio for organizing and shipping mosquitoes nets to each of our families in Burkina Faso.

Upcoming Trip to Burkina Faso

This coming September, our President and Founder of Kingdom Investment International, will be taking a trip to Burkina Faso. The main purpose of this trip will be to train and provide support to the staff in order to better serve our families.

We would appreciate your prayers for this trip, as we are praying to find some better qualified staff members and to better train those that are already serving so diligently.

If you feel led to help support the financial of this trip, please make your checks to Kingdom Investment International, and write "Africa Trip" in the memo section.

Praise & Prayer Requests

-Praise for all those whose lives are being changed through the Micro Finance program and their dreams of overcoming poverty are being fulfilled.

-Praise God for the children and parents who have made the commitment to follow Jesus due to hearing the gospel through Kingdom Investment International.

-Praise that the child sponsorship program is running well, and that each child is not only having the chance to receive a strong education, but also to hear about the love of Jesus Christ.

-Please continue to pray for ongoing peace and stability in Burkina Faso and the surrounding countries.

"One teacher, one student, one book and one pen can and will change the world. Education is the only solution."—Malala Yousafzai, Paskistani pupil and education advocate.

Please take a moment to review and our website and sponsor a child today-You can change a life forever. Thank you!