



# MCmission

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## “Health, Education and Hope for West Africa” XI Humanitarian Medical Trip to Burkina Faso



Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbour, “Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”— when you already have it with you.

*The Book of Proverbs 3:27-28*

### Saonré, Ougadougou (Burkina Faso)

One more year, the theme that motivates and gives sense to the **emsimision** team “To Love as Jesus Loves” has become a reality during the humanitarian medical campaign at the Ellel Medical clinic in Saonré, district of Boulmiougou – one of the poorest in Ouagadougou, the Burkina Faso capital.

In this place, Acts Ministry is the organization in charge of managing a large zone with a clinic, an orphanage-school and a church.

### ELLEL MEDICAL CLINIC

Ellel Medical Clinic is located in a building in good conditions, but it falls short of resources and medical equipment. For this reason, one of the objectives of our last trip was to improve these facilities with the donation of an autoclave, an ultra sound system and basic medicines.

During the medical campaign, we could work on different specialties: Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Audiology, Odontology, General Medicine, Gynecology, Microbiology and Pharmacy.

Hundreds of patients from this poor area came every day to be visited by the **emsimision** team.

The gynecology team led by Dr. Matas had the support of two local doctors, which were trained on how to use the ultra sound in gynecology and obstetrics.



The ophthalmology team – formed by doctors Dori Alonso, Begoña González, Sonia Villarón and the anesthetist Anish Gupta – visited many people with ophthalmologic pathologies, adapted



hundreds of graduated glasses based on specific needs and practiced cataract surgery to those who needed it. In these last cases, people arrived to the clinic blind but completely recuperated their sight after surgery.

This year, one of the most relevant areas has been otorhinolaryngology and audiology. Dr. Olmo and Abigail Sánchez could visit all hearing-impaired children in the Acts Ministry Orphanage, by using



the same endoscopic technology they use in their clinic in Spain. Through this work, 10 severe cases of neurosensory hypacusis were found, mostly due to the high prevalence of diseases such as meningitis or malaria during the first years of children’s life.

In this area, the Medicine Senior student Ezequiel Sanou has been trained to be the person in Burkina responsible for the medical area of the hearing-impaired children sponsorship program “Oumarou.”

This program currently sponsors 34 children, who study at the CEFISE school, and 16 of them had their hearing aids adapted as a result of the collaboration of the specialized company GAES.



The audiologist visited all children in this program in order to report each of the sponsors who support their schooling and learning of the signs language.

A meeting with parents was also held at the CEFISE school in order to inform them about some details in the program, as well as to find out the needs of these families and to give a backpack for each child with school materials sponsors had sent. Having direct contact with parents, exchanging ideas and counsels, was a very moving moment and very helpful for the good development of the Oumarou program.



The coordinated work between professionals, volunteers and parents is critical for the good use and maintenance of the hearing prostheses.

In General Medicine, doctors Joaquín Rodríguez and Daniel Sedgewick examined adults and children with pathologies very common in the area – they received the support of the microbiology laboratory that made possible the malaria diagnose and treatment.

Odontology was taken care by doctors Michel Kohoun – a local specialist in maxillofacial surgery – and Lynne Smith – who lives in Ouagadougou and collaborated with the emsimision team one complete day at the Ellel Clinic.



### ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN PROGRAM

The work carried out with Saonré children and specially at the Acts Ministry school has been outstanding. A group of young people from different European countries and the USA, led by Mercedes Barrachina, had traveled with the objective to develop an “Integral Children Program,” mainly focused on the human rights defense among children.



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Hundreds of children in the area participated in the program through games, sports, activities, theater and music.

The music and songs have been also protagonists in these days.

Meetings in the Church of Acts Ministry have been especially emotional with over 150 people who attended each day.



This team also worked in the orphanage-school. There are 300 children, 70 of which are orphan and live in the facilities next to the classrooms.

These children are trained in welding, carpentry and sewing, which helps them find a job after they finish their studies.

In our first visit to the orphanage facilities, we witnessed the great shortfalls and, for this reason, the children program team worked hard in order to improve the conditions of these children's "home."

Thanks to several donations, all walls could be painted and all orphan children received a new mattress.



## TO LOVE AS JESUS LOVES

The theme of emsimision defines the main objective of each one of our projects. Jesus and his teachings are our source of inspiration and encourage us to serve and offer our resources, capacities and gifts to those who most need them.

All patients visited during the medical campaign and all the children and their relatives who participated in the children program could perceive the love of Jesus in action through the direct testimonies of the emsimision team volunteers.

Every working day finished at dusk with the Jesus Film showing in Mooré language.

Approximately 1,400 people in Saonré and the surrounding area could see and listen to the story that day by day makes the emsimision team affirm that with God's help we keep on going.

Therefore, we can state that our work is based on the three actions that characterize our organization:

## Work methodology:

**GIVING  
TRAINING  
PRACTICING**

OPHTHALMOLOGY	OTORRINHO LARINGOLOGY/ AUDIOLOGY	GYNECOLOGY	GENERAL MEDICINE	ODONTOLOGY	EVANGELISM JESUS FILM
VISITS: 262	VISITS: 145	VISITS: 81	VISITS: 245	VISITS: 92	JESUS FILM SHOWING ATTENDANTS: 1400 PEOPLE
CATARACT SURGERY : 40	HEARING ADAPTED: 16				PEOPLE WHO ACCEPTED JESUS IN THEIR LIFE
					33 ADULTS 90 CHILDREN

## ENTITIES AND COMPANIES COLLABORATING IN THE BURKINA PROJECT 2012/2013

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