

GOD GIVES JOY...

(WE GIVE COWS)



THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO SHARE JOY WITH OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. Today we opened the gift of a **COW** and learned how important that cow is for Abiba and her community in Burkina Faso.

John 15:11 – [Jesus said,] “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

PRAYER: God, thank you for the gift of **JOY** and all the things that make this family joyful like *(ask each family member to name things that make your family joyful)*. We can't keep to ourselves the joy that you give through your son Jesus, so help us to share that with others and help those in need around the world. AMEN!

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Create a collage of pictures from times together that brought your family joy and hang it in your house. Along with vacations and parties, include pictures of baptisms and your family doing service together. Do some research together into what families in countries like Burkina Faso, El Salvador and Indonesia do to celebrate joy. Include pictures or descriptions on your family's collage.

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The women of Fada N’Gourma, a women’s group in Burkina Faso, worked together with the men in their community to earn income. The men tended cattle and the women sold the milk. But they had to travel far to get their milk to market and it often spoiled, limiting their income.

When Lutheran World Relief (LWR) connected with the women, they’d begun making yogurt instead, but were only producing 30 to 45 liters a day. Working alongside the women, LWR provided a grant for the women to build a larger processing facility that allows the women to produce more yogurt.

Now they produce 200 liters of yogurt a day. They’ve won national recognition for the quality of their yogurt and even the president of Burkina Faso eats it! “Now I feel like an important person — I contribute to the family budget. No woman in the history of my family has ever done that,” says Abiba Diallo, a project participant.

Giving Cows is just one way we “give good” to our brothers and sisters overseas with LWR Gifts.



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