FROM BURKINA AND IVORY COAST

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I've come across a couple of good pieces from West Africa today.Â Jayne Chuter has just returned from a Wycliffe Engage Trip to Burkina Faso and has written a fascinating account.

> *Well I am back safe and sound in England now. We had a remarkably smooth and unproblematic month, thanks to all your prayers: nobody got very ill, no near-death experiences and the team got on really well with each other. Praise God!*
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> *Everything we did was fantastic, and for me it was a wonderful introduction to Burkina Faso and Africa. Meeting so many different people - children, students, Pastors and Christian families, translators, even people in the marketplace - was amazing as they are all so friendly, open and generous in Burkina. The music professor in Tougan lent us his instruments after we spent a whole evening being shown many sides of village life atÂ his family'sÂ courtyard, andÂ another family we went to visit gave us a guinea fowl to take home! Everybody has so much time for people, greeting them and so on. Children in Diebougou were interested in us so came to our house and we spent a fantastic afternoon showing them pictures, singing, and having our hair done. Even though we couldn't communicate that well verbally we all had a really good time. Read the full story here.*

Meanwhile, our friend Csaba Leidenfrost who works with the Bakwe people in Ivory Coast has just posted a superb MP3 of Bakwe Church music. Give it a listen here, and then load it onto your MP3 player - it is excellent.Â The title of the piece is â€˜Ba pa -na â€˜jÃ¼ â€'sukuli and is an exhortation to send kids to school. Bakwe is closely related to Kouya and I could read the title without Csaba's explanation.