

Projects

Without Wells, no water = no life

Agricultural Support, Mali

The new well digging project is one of **the clearly visible changes**.

Research by US Aid shows that **as many as 80%** of the 18,000 drilled (12 cm diameter) water wells are no longer in use. There are only a few local people that are able to maintain the wells. Large diameter wells where people can simply throw in a bucket if the pump no longer functions are preferred.

"I am grateful that I can learn to dig wells with machines. The maintenance of these is completely new to me. The digging of a well is **no longer too labor intensive**, and we can now dig a well in a couple of weeks, as opposed to half a year of hard manual labor"; according to Moussa Tangara, one of our guys responsible for the progress of this important project.

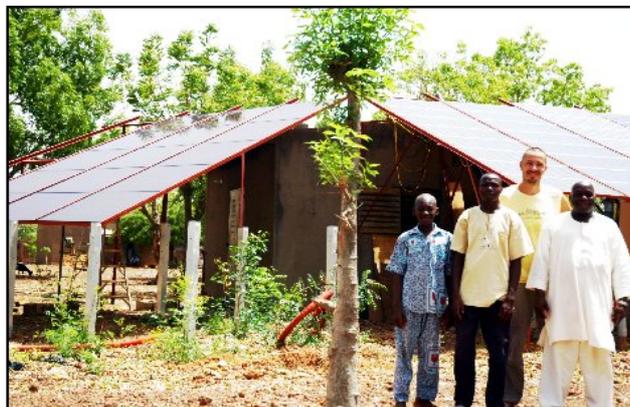
Will you dig with us? Video:

Solar Energy at Bethel

Agricultural Support/Solar Power, Mali

Anco has taken on a whole range of (pioneering) projects in the field of solar energy at the French speaking Bethel Bible School in Koutiala. He has fought hard for plenty of solar energy, so that the school can slowly realize its dreams.

Four class rooms have gotten a well insulated Dutch roof. The improved living conditions (more water and energy) at the school campus are well received, especially noticeable in the student growth (10 to 35) in the last years.



Some of the Bethel students follow a special program taught at the Koutiala Women and Children's Hospital (<http://www.koutialahospital.org>) that includes; theological, as well as medical lessons. Once graduated, these students are able to perform basic health care in the villages they are sent out to, and once again - make contact with non-believers in a more "natural way".

Bethels' goal is to grow from its present **30 students to 100 students** by the year 2015.

Youtube video: http://youtu.be/SFzHLc_yseM

School PCs

ICT, Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, we were allowed to set up some computers in high schools. It is quite common in the Netherlands to have access to a computer both at school or at home, and often in both locations. When we were young; we grew up with the pc.

This is hardly the case in (West) Africa. Even though it is the future, computers at school are seldom found. Education is a commitment for a better future!



Building websites

ICT, Mali

In Mali websites are becoming more and more of an important communication tool for partners within and outside Africa.

The website Ewien built for the Koutiala Hospital (www.koutialahospital.org) and <http://fildormi.wpengine.com>, a site she constructed to help build business for a seamstress friend are two examples of this.

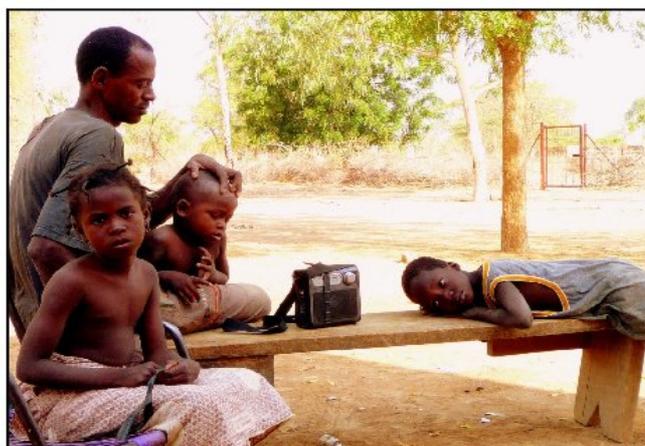
She regularly gives a hand in improving existing websites too. The website of Hope Clinic in Guinea (<http://hopeguinea.org>) is one example of this.

No Malian Household without Radio

Multimedia, Mali

A Malian household without radio is unthinkable! The sound of a radio can be heard even in the farthest corners of Mali, such as the Dogon area.

Since January 2012 and after many years of translation work, the New Testament has been made available in the ' Dogon ' language. However, what do you do if you cannot read or write? You can listen to biblical teaching on the radio!



The long-awaited dream of 'building a Dogon radio station ' by the end of 2013 will soon become a reality. The impact of a Christian radio station is great. Besides bringing the "Good News", it also serves as a source for health information, education, and the announcement of local activities.

Will you build with us?

Maliwood Productions

Multimedia, Mali

Ewien's video work took a professional turn in 2013. Her video material was broadcast for TV both in Africa and the Netherlands. Furthermore, she was able to take part and assist in the launching of the talented Senegalese singer, Cissa.

Eight photo portraits of African Christians - *Living Your Faith* - were also chosen for publication in a Dutch Christian newspaper.

Ewien: "I like to use my passion for video / photography in practical ways that are close to my heart and that will support Africans."

<http://www.maliwood.org>



Planting Seeds of Life – Beer-Sheba

Agricultural Support/Solar power, Senegal

In the first months of 2013, Anco kept busy with the Christian Agricultural School Beer-Sheba. One project worked on was the development and implementation of a 30 kVA three phase electrical system. In addition to seeking out and ordering all kinds of solar energy materials, he managed the building of a battery and inverter space too. As of May, this project began providing the school with energy. Later in 2013, there will also be enough energy to pump additional water for the fields

and for running a grain mill.

The first graduating class of students was in February 2013 (video:

<http://beershebaproject.org/2012/05/new-video-highlighting-our-intern-program/>). This was a very memorable moment! After receiving their degrees, the graduates returned to their villages to apply their knowledge and skills. Pierre, a student of Beer-Sheba, likened the school to the Garden of Eden. While in training, his interest led him to focus on the care of trees and animals. Afterwards, he was able to continue to serve God in the way he was best suited.

Ewien had the opportunity to film the students in the settings where their own individual skills and talents were demonstrated according to each one's unique "calling".

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<http://beershebaproject.org>

The Power of Solar

Solar Energy, Mali

As many as 225 rooftop solar panels have been installed on the women's and children's hospital (www.koutialahospital.org) in Koutiala. Since energy is very expensive and unstable in Mali, the reduction of monthly energy costs has already proven to be a very beneficial result of this project.

Pediatrician Brett McLean explains why the use of solar energy is so powerful:

<http://youtu.be/0yRmodFVA0U> (video).