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One of our wonderful donors sent us this quote from Nelson Mandela:

***“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use  
to change the world.”***



School in Kamutu, Mali beginning construction

Thanks to all of you, our efforts are making changes. Of the 87 schools we have funded, 62 have been completed in Mali. In addition, we have one under construction, as well as two more starting soon. UNESCO measures the literacy rates periodically. In 1998 the adult literacy rate for Mali was 19.04%. In 2015 (the latest reported) it had risen to 33.07%. Many of these adults were children when we started building our schools in 1994—we’ve all come a long way together! In some of the villages we also have adult literacy programs held in our schools in the evenings. And that’s just in Mali!

Our current school is being built in Berela, Mali, a community of approximately 664 people located in the southeastern Sikasso region. Most of the adults are subsistence farmers who raise livestock and grow corn, cotton, groundnuts, and millet. Three teachers are trying to teach 120 students (99 girls and 21 boys) in three overcrowded classrooms with badly crumbling walls.



School in Kamutu, Mali

One of those students is 11 year old Aissata Doumbia, who deserves a clean, light, well ventilated school. She is in the 5th grade and her favorite subject is math. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.



Aissata Doumbia, Berela, Mali

What better weapon for change than producing future doctors?

Happy Holidays



Ann Keeble  
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