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Volunteer – Be a volunteer staff member by:

- Helping organize and coordinate fundraising events
- Helping distribute brochures and other Verbree International information
- Going to the field for internships in sustainable development or agriculture



About the Founders

David and Cheryl Verbree formed Verbree International in response to God’s direct call to carry out a Christian life of love and service to others. Jesus calls all Christians to have a heart for the downtrodden, the impoverished, and the hopeless, to work along side them, and to serve them in His Name. Recognizing this call to service, the Verbrees seek to help the impoverished who need it most – those with few options and little hope.



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Who We Are

Our Mission

Loving and serving the impoverished by promoting sustainable livelihoods, teaching the ability to cope with changing conditions, and instilling hope.



What This Means...

1. Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods

By teaching new techniques that help the impoverished improve their ability to provide for their basic needs, we seek to make a long-lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

2. Teaching the Ability to Cope

By teaching new skills and abilities, we seek to enable impoverished families to restore lost assets and create new means in which to cope with emergencies and unexpected disruptions to their primary source of income (i.e. frequent droughts).

3. Instilling hope

By working alongside the impoverished, sharing in their struggles, and showing God's love for them, we seek to instill or restore hope.

Ways We Work

- Sustainable development – we want the people we help to use their own local resources and abilities to implement solutions that last
- “Grass-roots” development – we work with individuals and families believing that real change and effective aid often come through one person at a time
- Relationships – we strive to create personal relationships between several groups of people, tying together supporters back home, development workers in the field, and beneficiaries
- Communication – we aim to bring people together and promote relationships that were not possible before by using modern technology including the internet and email for the transfer of knowledge and experiences
- Technical integration – we aim to incorporate a science and research component into development in ways that are practical and easy to understand.

Proposed Project

Mobilization and Demonstration Farm Setup in Burkina Faso



90% of the Burkinabe people live by subsistence agriculture, yet Burkina Faso is plagued by recurring droughts and land degradation due to increasing population and desertification. It is ranked the 3rd poorest country in the world by the Human Development Index¹.

VI seeks to teach improvements on existing livelihoods and new skills to cope with emergencies mainly through agriculture, agroforestry, and small animal husbandry projects.

¹From the United Nations Development (UNDP) Human Development Report, 2004

