

# Investing to change lives

## A FUTURE OF HOPE:

How Christ's Love  
is Transforming  
Burkina Faso



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# Changing lives together

Kingdom Investment International (KII) was formed to help one of the poorest nations in the world—the West African nation of Burkina Faso.

With a population of 20 million people, Burkina Faso's high population density and limited resources have resulted in poor economic prospects for the majority of its citizens. Burkina Faso is consistently in the top five poorest countries in the world. Despite a decade of sustained growth, poverty persists, particularly in rural areas.

**Our mission is simple: Work among the poor and oppressed of Burkina Faso, to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.**

We understand that change for the better must be lasting, which can be accomplished only if it is community-based and sustainable.

Change for the better also must include: the elimination of oppressive and unjust practices—whether cultural or institutional; partnerships with local churches; emergency relief for people afflicted by violence or disaster; public awareness resulting in understanding partners who get involved through hands-on work, giving and prayer; and, last but not least, demonstration of the words and deeds of Christ in a way that draws individuals to seek forgiveness of sins and salvation through Jesus.

Through our founding initiatives, KII promotes lasting changes, and equips communities by establishing core proficiencies that develops sustainability for generations to come. The initiatives below are each described in detail from pages 5-12.

## **Core initiatives:**

- **The Pastors and Leaders Training Initiative**
- **The Water Program Initiative**
- **The Micro-Finance Initiative**
- **The School of Leadership and Development Initiative**
- **The Agricultural Enterprise Initiative**
- **The Eyecare Program Initiative**
- **Weaving Grace Ministry**

We hope you take the time to read through this magazine and develop a clearer understanding of KII and the exciting transformative progress that's being accomplished in Burkina Faso.



**Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo**  
President/CEO  
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# Where we work:

## OVERVIEW OF BURKINA FASO

Slightly larger than Colorado, Burkina Faso, (formerly known as Upper Volta) is a landlocked country in West Africa. Meaning a “land of honest men,” Burkina Faso is a former French colony, gaining its independence in 1960. French is the official language of the country.

Ninety percent of Burkina Faso’s population is engaged in subsistence agriculture, which is difficult due to the harsh climatic conditions. GDP per-capita remains one of the lowest in the world, according to the UNDP Human Development Index.



The Burkinabé people are some of the kindest, friendliest, and happiest people you would ever meet. When work teams from America to Burkina Faso they fall in love with these people and their own lives are deeply touched and changed by the Burkinabé. They have so little but will do anything for you.

Burkina-Faso is part of the 10/40 window ‘unreached’ people group with Islam being 60 percent of the population. Over 1/3 of the people in Burkina-Faso had not had the opportunity to hear the Gospel. In other words, they don’t access to the Gospel and heart it even they wanted to. Like most people in the 10/40 window, they couldn’t find out about Jesus even if they wanted to. KII is working to give them the ‘opportunity’ to hear and ‘hopefully’ respond to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus-Christ.

**Kingdom Investment helps promote lasting changes through its core initiatives and key strategies listed below.**

**READ ABOUT OUR  
CORE INITIATIVES  
FROM PAGES 5 – 12**



### FAITH AND WORK

We are committed to “Faith and Work” as we carry the Great Commission, working to build a better and hopeful world for all.



### WORKING WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

We partner with local indigenous churches in Burkina Faso to carry out its program in the communities. We believe the strategic placement of local churches makes them best suited to address the needs of their community holistically.



### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

We believe in building collaborative efforts as we bring communities leaders together to communicate and dialogue and forge new positive sustainable possibilities for their communities.

# THE PASTORS AND LEADERS TRAINING INITIATIVE

**“Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people.” [Mark 16:15]**

Burkina Faso, population 20 million, is 60 percent Muslim. Even so, 80 percent of the country’s pastors have not had seminary or biblical training. Many pastors plead for this help.

**“The vast majority of the 2 billion Christians worldwide are now located in Africa, Asia, and South and Central America—the Global South. This astonishing growth created an immediate need for Biblical training to equip pastors and leaders in those regions.” [Bruce Wilkinson, Founder of Teach Every Nation]**

Kingdom Investment International, Inc., works with Teach Every Nation, a ministry of Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, with other US seminaries institutions to train and equip local pastors and leaders to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to people in their communities.

**Our mission is to raise up indigenous transformational leaders, who will train and equip other transformational leaders until we have multiplied generations of leaders positively transforming their communities.**

This is accomplished through:

- **The Theological and Seminary School in the capital, Ouagadougou**
- **Growing Discipleship Movement through House churches**
- **Annual Pastoral and leaders’ conferences**

Join us in this effort to furnish Bible training resources needed to equip pastors and leaders to transform their communities through the power of the Gospel.

## IMPACT

Since 2011, over 250 pastors have been by KII’s Pastoral Leadership Program. KII staff provides ongoing mentorship, coaching and encouragement as for the pastors to reach their various communities with the Gospel.



**“The #1 need for the African church is to train Christian leaders and pastors. The church is growing fast and people are eager to help lead congregations in their villages, towns, and cities—but very few of them have any formal training in Biblical understanding.” [Pastor Emile Nana, Burkina Faso]**

# THE WATER PROGRAM INITIATIVE

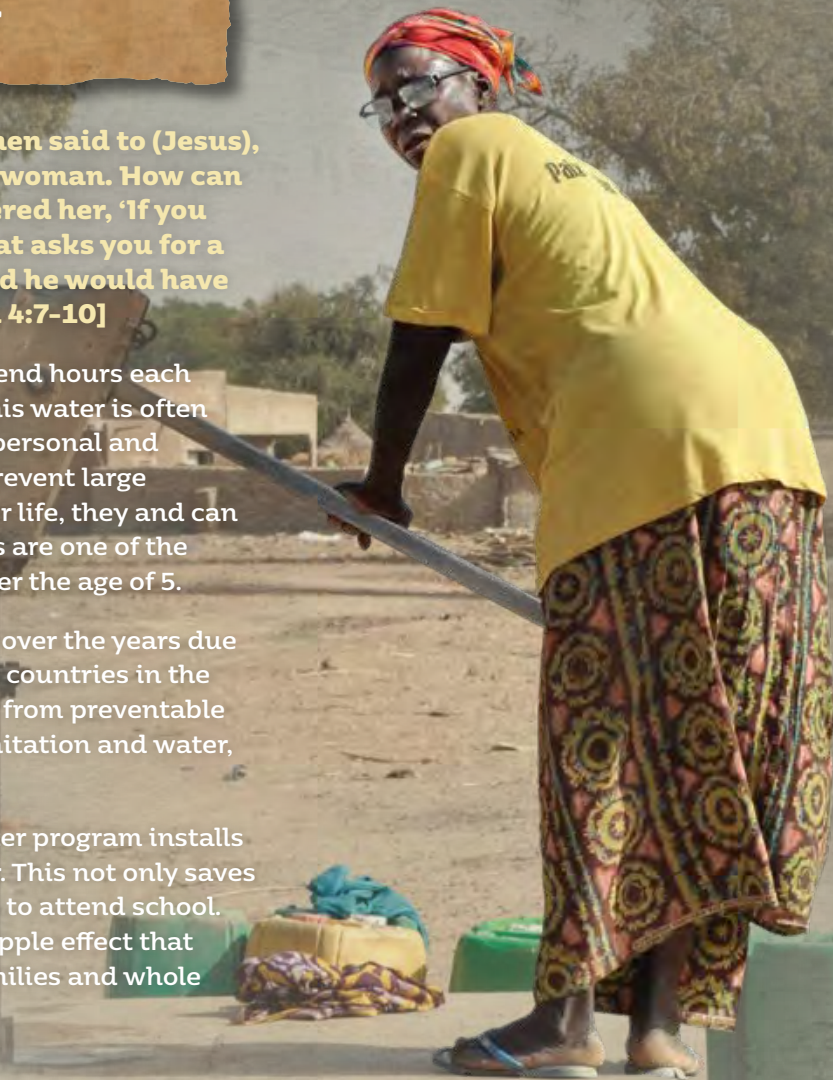
Providing life-giving water

“Give me a drink.’ The Samaritan women said to (Jesus), ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’” [Jesus, John 4:7-10]

Women and children in Burkina Faso spend hours each day collecting water for their families. This water is often contaminated, causing serious harm to personal and community life. These factors not only prevent large numbers of people from realizing a better life, they and can be life-threatening. Waterborne diseases are one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of 5.

The country’s water quality has suffered over the years due in part to its status as one of the poorest countries in the world. Some 2,800 children die annually from preventable diarrheal diseases as a result of poor sanitation and water, according to The Borgen Project.

Kingdom Investment International’s water program installs new wells to provide safe drinking water. This not only saves lives, but it also enables many more girls to attend school. In fact, access to clean water creates a ripple effect that has a positive impact on individuals, families and whole communities.



## IMPACT

Thanks to the generosity of our partners, wells have been installed in so many communities across Burkina-Faso, launching a wave of positive change in surrounding communities. Over 100,000 people have benefitted through access to safe, life-giving water.

# THE MICRO-FINANCE INITIATIVE

## Alleviating poverty through micro-loans

**“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day.  
Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”  
[Chinese Proverb]**

Like most people from the developing nations, the average person in Burkina-Faso makes less than \$2 a day making it one of the poorest countries in the world, according to the International Monetary Fund.

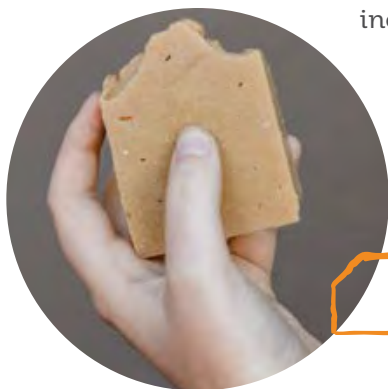
**How can you get ahead when you are that far when you're that far behind?**

Kingdom Investment International believes that micro-finance is a sustainable means of poverty alleviation leading to lasting, holistic development. Financial tools and training empower entrepreneurs to build businesses, support their families and transform their communities.

People in resource-poor countries around the world are finding hope in programs that finance small businesses. Kingdom Investment International (KII) is doing precisely that through its Micro-Finance Initiative, where entrepreneurs get financial to help them break the cycle of poverty.

**“The poor of the world have big dreams—what they lack is access and opportunity. By developing and providing innovative solutions for partners combating global poverty, we can help unlock the doors that lead to long-term community development and self-sufficiency. This is a hand up, not a handout.”  
[Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo, president and CEO of KII]**

Beyond providing loans, the program staff from Burkina Faso provides support and guidance for successful enterprise ventures. We also form Trust Groups that support entrepreneurs on a very personal level, including with accountability.



When a loan is repaid, that money is reinvested into loans for other entrepreneurs.

Homemade soap by business owner Beatrice Ouedraogo



### IMPACT

Our program has impacted nearly 10,000 people. Currently the program has 2,200 entrepreneurs enrolled in our micro-loan program initiative. The program has a success rate of 94 percent with a working capital of \$300,000. Empowering women. Some 75% of loans go to women, who use much of the income to support their families—significantly improving their quality of nutrition, health care, and education.

# THE SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

## Developing tomorrow's leaders

**“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope” [Jeremiah 29:11]**

Sponsoring a child with KII is the most cost-effective way to end extreme child poverty. It not only addresses a child's immediate physical needs, but it also builds self-esteem and self-respect. Kingdom Investment International has always desired to raise up a new generation of leaders who, as followers of Jesus, can guide Burkina Faso into a bright future. Our Leadership and Development Program sets up children to succeed and become that next generation of leaders.

According to UNICEF, only 81 percent of students reach the fifth grade. To help ensure such children thrive in these formative years, our program meets pivotal needs at ages ranging from pre-school age to the university level.

### The program helps ensure:

- **An opportunity to attend school**
- **Vital medical care, which often saves lives**
- **Mentorship and a safe environment**
- **And most importantly, an opportunity to hear the Gospel**

Through direct support of children, this program allows supporters to sponsor a child, as mold and shape them into the next generation of leaders. Our Youth development program provides youth ages 12 and older with a customized training and educational paths according to their own unique potential, and God-given talents and purpose.

Our prayer is that every young person finishes well, equipped with the knowledge, skills, abilities and allows them to succeed in life.

In a place where too many children can't write their names, don't know Jesus Christ, and are fated to futures they didn't choose—sponsorship can help set a child on the path to true life success and leadership.



### IMPACT

Hundreds of girls and boys are being molded into transformational leaders through quality education and rescue from early marriage.



# THE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

## Helping the people by helping the farmers

- More than 820 million people in this world do not have enough to eat.
- 4 out of 5 of the world's poor live in rural areas and depend on farming to feed their families.

We believe in a world of plenty, no person should go hungry.

KII envision a day when all people around the world have enough to eat and the physical, financial and community resources to live hopeful, healthy, productive lives.

With its vast fertile soil in the Southern part of the country, Burkina Faso has the potential to become self-sufficient in food. Yet, the country still receives food aid from organizations like the USAID, the UN and the World Food Program. Many farmers continue to rely on old farming methods involving animal power and outdated tools, which is consuming time and lowering productivity.

Kingdom Investment International's (KII) Agriculture Enterprise Program trains farmers how to build businesses and become rural entrepreneurs—thus bringing social and economic benefits to their communities and country.

More specifically, KII accomplishes this by:

- Working to ensure that farmers use the right tools, seeds, and techniques to help them increase their yields.
- Showing farmers how to add value to their crops by milling, drying, or turning produce into products that sell for a higher price.
- Building links to markets so farmers can sell their surplus beyond what their families need—enabling them to send their children to school and reinvest in their land.

Our technical experts closely monitor the results of projects, adapting approaches as needed to achieve maximum results.

### IMPACT

Some 175 farmers have been trained in commercial farming to address food insecurity and profitability.



# THE EYE CARE AND DENTAL PROGRAMS

## Targeting critical needs to a brighter future

### The Eyecare Program

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world. Consequently, eye care is hard to find with only 13 ophthalmologists for a population of 20 million.

Good eye sight is not all that's lost. A lack eye examinations or glasses results in lost educational and work opportunities for thousands of individuals—and lost opportunity to prevent potentially chronic eye conditions. Depending on the degree of vision impairment, daily tasks are more difficult, accidents more frequent, and life expectancies are shorter. Holding a job, finding enough food, learning how to read, and looking after a family may be impossibilities.

In partnership with churches, optometrists, ophthalmologists and, Kingdom Investment International (KII) has established Eye-care Outreach centers in strategic locations around the country to provide eye-care services. KII works alongside church partners to share the gospel with eye patients as well as ongoing discipleship training.

#### More specifically, the program:

- Educates people, organizations, businesses, schools, and community groups about the problem of poor eyesight and solutions to correct it.
- Provides low-cost corrective eyewear, including self-adjusting and reading glasses.
- Trains individuals and groups on delivering eye-care, including processes for eyesight assessment and dispensing corrective eyewear.
- Continually looks for sustainable ways to conduct eyesight assessments and distribute corrective eyewear in order to serve large numbers of people on an ongoing basis.

KII conducts short-term mission trips with its U.S. partners, who help train our personnel with the skills and knowledge needed for continuing ongoing eye care services.

**“I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.” [3 John 1:2]**



### IMPACT

Thus far thousands of people have received services from the program who otherwise would likely not have been able to receive such care. Significantly, the program is adding a Mobile Eye Care and Dental Clinic to extend and increase its positive impact.

# Introducing the Mobile Eye Care + Dental Clinic

A first of its kind in the nation, this vehicle is equipped to meet many visual needs for the people of Burkina Faso and reach more individuals in need.



## The Dental Program

Millions of Burkinabe have never had any dental care and don't even own a toothbrush! Poor dental hygiene increases the risk of cancer, stroke, diabetes, and heart disease. People suffer terribly because they cannot afford to see a dentist. Children often experience excruciating pains due to lack of care, and their dental complications often lead to other health problems.

KII responds by sending teams of volunteer dental professionals from in country and the United States to refugee camps, remote villages, schools, prisons, orphanages and community buildings.

KII further responds through educational outreach to schools, orphanages, churches and other community groups. We also provide extensive training to teachers and community leaders on general health and dental hygiene.

Finally, KII works alongside in-country dentists to share expertise and promote best practice. We provide training for dental students, opportunities for dental graduates, and ongoing support.



## IMPACT

Tens of thousands of people are benefitting from the provision of toothbrushes and other dental supplies as well as educational material to promote daily dental hygiene. Even more families are benefitting from tooth brushing and health lessons provided in nurseries, schools and community buildings nationwide.

# WEAVING GRACE MINISTRY

## Empowering Women—Restoring Hope



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**“This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” [James 1:27]**

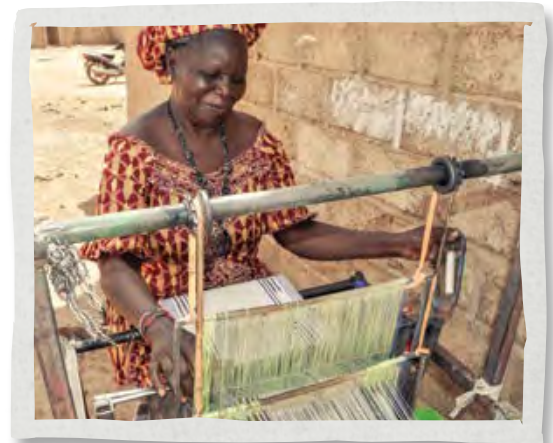
Losing a husband is heart-breaking in any culture as it severs the closest of human relationships. The death of a spouse is a moment of devastation and sadness due to loss of one’s companionship, care, and livelihood, attended by a feeling of abandonment and a complete loss and loneliness. It represents not simply the departure of a friend and often their breadwinner, but also results in a radical change in one’s social status and lifestyle. In Burkina Faso, as in other patriarchal societies, being widowed is doubly devastating because the widow can lose everything in the way of relationship and possessions.

About 55 percent of all Burkina Faso widows are evicted from their land and endure intimidation and violence from the husband’s family, according to the International Justice Mission. Property and children grabbing is unlawful under Burkina Faso’s laws, but the laws are not effectively enforced. Women and orphans are regularly exploited by such practices throughout the country.

Our Weaving Grace Ministry provides support for vulnerable widows and their children. These damaged victims are placed in a safe community of other widows, where they can both be loved and love others.

Then Weaving Grace provides women baseline business skills necessary to earn an income and be self sustaining. As the widows learn and advance in a supportive environment, they develop pride and dignity, and experience emotional healing, a sense of well-being, and new world of hope.

Participants have created successful microbusinesses in weaving, cloth dyeing, sewing and tailoring, clothing sales, knitting on commercial machines, baking, food service, and the production of candles, bar soap, and body creams.



### CHAMPIONS FOR WIDOWS

**“God in His dwelling is a father of the fatherless, and a champion of widows.” [Psalm 68:5]**

### IMPACT

As of May 2020, 218 widows were being empowered and their hope restored through the Weaving Grace Ministry.

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# Created for good work

*Reflections from Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo*

**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” [Ephesians 2:10]**

Kingdom Investment International (KII) is responding to the Great Commission’s call to love God and look after our ‘neighbors’ with a servant’s heart. We seek to emulate the Good Samaritan, whose compassion crossed ethnic groups and religions. Jesus’ message to all people was one of hope – that God is with us and for us. God desires mercy and justice, and for all people to live with dignity and purpose.

KII was born of a deep belief in the redemptive and transformational power of God. As a 12-year-old orphan rejected by my family for my new-found faith in Jesus Christ, I was forced to flee for my life in Burkina Faso. God sovereignly directed my steps to an American couple who eventually adopted me, paving the way for me to come to the United States years later.

I know the poverty, pain and suffering of Burkina Faso. I lived it. I also know the shame of doing whatever is necessary to survive. I also know the fear of persecution that remains very real in Burkina Faso.

Later in life I came to understand that God uses our past and our personal struggles to reveal His purposes in our lives. I believe that one reason God allowed me to go through the things I went through was to reveal my purpose in life—to equip me to respond to the spiritual, social, and economic needs of the people in Africa.

The vision that God cast for me, and eventually KII, is the power of oneness!

**“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” [Ephesians 4:4-6]**

Accordingly, together as one, we are pulling up the roots of poverty and planting the seeds of change. We are building relationships and earning the right to be heard as we listen. We are planning and working alongside local leaders to transform their communities. And we are working together with local indigenous people to find solutions that will transform the future for their children and future generations.



Above: Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo with his adoptive parents shortly after his 1998 adoption; Below: Jean-Paul today with wife, Rita, and his three children



# Results Matter

We constantly track our progress and share the results with everyone involved. The biblical principles we abide by to achieve extraordinary results are good stewardship, responsible management, and compassionate but wise giving.

## We invite you to:

### **PRAY with us.**

You can become a prayer partner by receiving our monthly requests for (1) prayers of thanks and praise to God, and (2) intercession on behalf of our ministries and the people of Burkina Faso. To receive these prayer requests, sign up at [kingdominvestment.org](http://kingdominvestment.org).

### **GIVE to our mission.**

There are three ways to support KII financially: (1) Pledge a monthly amount of your choosing; (2) Make a one-time pledge; and (3) Hold your own fund-raising event, which also serves to educate others about Burkina Faso and ministry needs.

### **GO on a short-term mission.**

KII regularly hosts short-term mission trips of 1 to 2 weeks. People get a hands-on opportunity to assist with our ministries and interact with beneficiaries of our programs. To inquire about a short-term mission trip, visit [kingdominvestment.org](http://kingdominvestment.org).

***Together with you, we can create a lasting change for the people of Burkina Faso.***



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# Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors serves to define and protect Kingdom Investment International's mission. They also help guide the adoption of new policy and ensure that all corporate activities are aligned with our strategic ministry objectives. As part of the Board's role, they review and approve items such as annual budget proposals, financial reviews and good stewardship of our finances, ministries operation updates while looking at new initiatives that may emerge.

**We are committed to be an agency worth investing into—to do work that is worth doing and to be leaders worth following.**



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**“Seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”  
[Matthew 9:36-38]**

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## We work with local communities to provide:



HUNGER & FOOD  
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ECONOMIC  
EMPOWERMENT



GENDER  
EQUALITY



EDUCATION/CHILD  
SPONSORSHIP



HEALTH

### With your support and partnership, you are helping Burkina Faso to:

- Alleviate extreme poverty
- Close the gender gap as we empower women
- Enable farmers to care for their families
- Drive inclusive and equitable education for all
- Provide clean and safe drinking water for communities
- Advance the kingdom of God through disciple-making movement by partnering with local churches



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