Safia in Burkina

Day 4, Thursday October 28

Safia started her last day in Ouagadougou with a visit to her sister Djénéba's clinic, Yerelon+. Djénéba is our Health Fund representative in Ouagadougou and her clinic attracts funding from European and American sources, including USAID.



From the left, Christine, Safia and Djénéba.

Yerelon+ has doctors in residence--a generalist, a gynocologist and a psychologist--as well as social workers. Our girls can get a full range of treatments here and our Health Fund will pay the bill.



The health team.

In the afternoon, Safia met with Sanata, a first-year student in human resources management.



Flashback: Sanata was proposed to us by Hélène, our very first beneficiary in 2010 who has her Master's in accounting and is the chief accountant for Thomas Aquinas University.

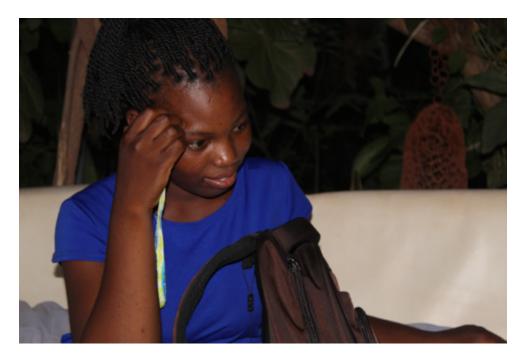


Hélène at her desk.

She told us she was attending a funeral in a rural area when a girl came up to her to ask her help. It was Sanata. She was walking 20 kilometers a day to attend school. Hélène took pity on her and bought her a bicycle. Later she learned that Sanata had passed her baccalaureate exam, but the family didn't have the resources. Sanata's father was dead and the family was large. Hélène sent us this photo. She asked us to help; we couldn't say no.



Flash-forward: Safia found Sanata timid but determined. She wasn't sure that human resources was the best choice of a major but she thought Hélène might help guide her.



The last appointment of the day was with Haoua, who got her Master's in development projects with our support in 2014. She helps us on the side with various projects.



That concluded the program in Ouaga and Koudougou. The next day, Safia would fly to her home town, Bobo Dioulasso.

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