

2018



We sent Josiane to one of the best nursing schools in Ouagadougou. She had outstanding grades for three years and graduated in 2016. She married a male nurse and they have a daughter Christelle. She took the exam for government service in 2016 and 2017 and failed twice. Her marriage and pregnancy might have distracted her. She recently finished an unpaid internship of six months and will take preparatory courses for the next government exam.



2017

Josiane also finished nursing school in 2015 and she too failed the national competitive exam that year. Like Léocadie she took the exam again in December 2016 and is waiting for the results. Meantime, she married and has a child. Her husband, Alfa Sankara, is a family member of the former President. (Solidarité)

2016

I wasn't able to meet with Josiane Yabre; she was doing an internship at a major medical center outside of Ouaga. But I did meet her aunt, who told me that Josiane had passed her certification test as a nurse, but failed the test for Government Service. She will try again later this year.

2015

Josiane is also living with an uncle and aunt in Ouagadougou. Her mother lives in a small village. Her aunt Pauline, a magistrate, is her mother's sister and advised Josiane to become a nurse.

She goes to the same nursing school as Sophie. Her first two years she did well but not as well as Sophie. But this third year, she passed Sophie for the first time with a first semester grade of a high 16. Both girls did two-month internships at rural clinics as part of their third year training.

2014



Josiane's Aunt Pauline; Josiane in background, January 2014.

Josiane's Mom lives with her mother and two of Josiane's sisters in a small village outside of Ouagadougou. She has no income. She is helped financially by her sister Pauline, left, who is a judge in the capital. Pauline has taken in Josiane, as well as Inès from her husband's side of the family and two other children from the extended family. She and her husband have three children of their own. Despite her good salary, Pauline can't make ends meet since her husband lost his job in 2008; he's been unemployed ever since.



Cousins: Josiane, left, and Inès, January 2013.

In secondary school, both Josiane and Inès were helped by our sister organization, Solidarité Goëlo-Burkina. We've been helping both since they entered university in 2012.

Josiane wants to be a nurse. We met with Pauline in January 2014 and told her that we would pay her tuition if she could pay the rest. She agreed. Josiane had very good grades her first year, with an average of almost 14/20, which is about a B+. It looks like she's going to make it. She will get her nursing degree in 2015.



With Josiane during a visit to her school January 2014.