

2018



Rita, an outstanding student from the start, has had a full Government scholarship for her medical studies. We have given her a small supplement over the last four years. She is in her 7th and last year of study, working nearly full time in a major hospital. Her stethoscope is old and worn; she asked us for help buying a new one. We will give it.



*Rita with the resident doctors at Yalgado Hospital, Ouagadougou.*

2017

Rita has received a supplement from us to her Government scholarship to help her with her living expenses. She is in her sixth year of a seven-year program in medical school. She gets consistently excellent grades. Her Government grant increases for her seventh year and she informed us that she no longer needs our help. We propose setting aside some money for her to borrow if the Government doesn't pay on time, which is common. (Recommended by Jean-Pierre Ilboudo.)

2016

Rita Ouedraogo is in her fifth of a six-year program in medical school, with a government scholarship. We've been helping her with a supplement for her living costs (100,000 f CFA (\$170) this year).



*Rita at her university.*

2015

Rita too is a special case. She has always had outstanding grades as a medical student, qualifying her for a state scholarship. But her living expenses at university were a bit much for her parents. Her father is a tailor. With the help of a pair of doctors, husband and wife, in the US, we have supplemented Rita's allowance for the past three years. She lives on-campus with a roommate.



*Rita, right, with her roommate, January 2015.*

Last year, her third of six years, she finished second in her class. She really is an excellent student. We want to continue subsidizing her to the end of her studies.



*Mrs. And Mr. Ouédraogo, parents of Rita.*

2014

Rita is an unusual case. She was recommended to us by a friend. She has always been an excellent student. Her grades were high enough for her to qualify for a Government scholarship to go to medical school. But her living costs were a huge burden on her family. They were pressuring her to switch from medicine to something that would take less time to get a diploma so that she could go out to work.



Happily, I found a husband and wife doctor team in the US that offered Rita \$1,000 a year for her general expenses. The family criticism has stopped. Rita finished second in her class last year with a 13.76/20 with high honors. She is now in her third year of medical school in the capital. She's a star!



*Rita and her Mom at home.*