

2017



Clarisse in January 2015 at her grandmother's house.

On the weekend of April 5th, Clarisse developed abdominal pains. She went to bed and a family member discovered on Sunday morning that she had passed away. Our organization has contributed funds toward her interment.

She was our oldest beneficiary, at about 40. She had spent 10 years in a monastic religious order, but dropped out saying she missed her family too much.

A charity paid for her to get a Licence degree in computer science and she found us on the internet.

I felt sure she would succeed, so we paid to put her through a two-year Master's program in informatics. She finished her courses in 2015.

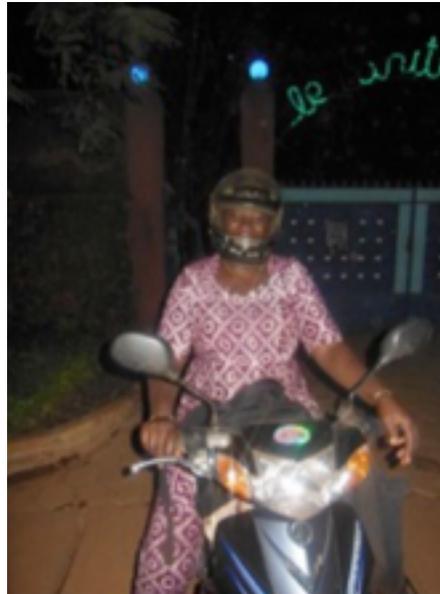
She's been supporting herself giving computer courses to individuals and school groups. I had submitted two grant requests to launch a computer training program for our young women, after giving all of them used computers donated to us. She was to be at the center of it.

2016



Clarisse Yameogo gives private lessons in computer training. She finished her coursework for her Master's in informatics at the end of November 2015. She will try to defend her thesis in July. We tried to help her with an internship or even a job with a former Peace Corps volunteer who has a computer shop.

She moved out of her grandmother's place (the dolo factory) and took over the lease of a sister who moved to Koudougou. She pays 15,000 f CFA (\$25) a month rent plus another \$12 for utilities. She gives two private courses of 18 hours each a week and with that earns 75,000 f CFA (\$127) a month.



2015

Clarisse is in her second and last year of Master's course work in informatics. She dropped out of a monastic order after nine years and wanted a career. We gave her a push with a two-year grant. She's doing well. Her first year average was 11.49/20.

She lives with her grandmother in Ouagadougou; the elderly woman supports about 20 members of her extended family thanks to her sale of dolo, a popular alcoholic drink. We think if she had had an education, she'd be running General Motors.



Clarisse's grandmother in 2015

2014

Clarisse found us on the internet. Clever, no? She had spent nine years in a monastic order, but missed her family too much. So she quit. As a nun, she received an excellent education; she speaks and writes perfect French. (French is a second language for all our beneficiaries.) She

has a Licence degree and now wants a Master's degree in communication. We're sure she's going to succeed at this, and there's a market in Burkina Faso for communication professionals. So Chance for Change is backing her.

Clarisse is from a dirt poor family in Koudougou, but lives in the capital with her grandmother. The grandmother makes and sells dolo, a popular alcoholic drink a bit like cider. But 22 members of her family moved in with her and there's not enough to go around. So Clarisse's subsidy includes gas for a motorbike that she received as a nun from a Swiss charity, small change to buy a sandwich a day at the university cafeteria, and money to buy books and pay for photocopying. She deserves it.

