

Safia in Burkina

Day 3, Wednesday October 27

Christine rented a car and she, Safia and Abdoulaye drove two hours to Koudougou, Burkina Faso's third-largest town. Their first stop was Noëlie's dressmaking school which we subsidize.



Noëlie gave Safia a tour.



Flashback: Last year we applied for and received a grant of about \$8,000 from the UN 1% Fund to renovate Noëlie's building. (UN employees can donate 1% of their salaries to development projects; the fund is managed by volunteers.) Noëlie has about 35 students, high school dropouts wanting to learn a profession.



We installed solar panels, reducing Noëlie's operating costs.



We bought new sewing machines.



We installed Panasonic ceiling fans, much appreciated by the girls.



And we painted the place inside and out.



The girls were very happy.



Flash-forward: Our Health Fund, staffed by volunteers, has a representative in each of the three main cities. In Koudougou, it's Michel Komi. Michel is a male nurse, specializing in health security in the workplace. He also teaches anatomy and hygiene. Safia stopped by to see him. He has participated in sessions on sexual health for our beneficiaries and advises us on Covid-19.



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