



*Niger-Benin*  
**THE HEALING  
FAITHS**

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FIORENZO IS A FRIAR AND A SURGEON. HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN AFRICA FOR FORTY YEARS, MORE PRECISELY IN TANGUIETA, IN THE NORTHERN SAVANNA OF BENIN. HERE HE FOUNDED AND NOW MANAGES THE SAINT JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL, WHICH HAS BECOME A POINT OF REFERENCE FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION, POOR AND LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICES. PATIENTS ARRIVE AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL FROM ALL OVER BENIN AND BORDERING COUNTRIES: BURKINA FASO, TOGO, NIGER AND NIGERIA. MANY OF THEM HAVE TO FACE LONG AND TIRING JOURNEYS TO COME HERE AND BE TREATED BY FATHER FIORENZO.

THE CALIPH OF KIOTA, NIGER, THE SPIRITUAL GUIDE OF THE TIJANIYYA MUSLIM CONGREGATION, STARTED ALMOST THIRTY YEARS AGO TO SEND "HIS" SICK PATIENTS TO THE CHRISTIAN FRIAR, GIVING EACH OF THEM A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WITH A PERSONAL PRAYER. SINCE THEN THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS HAVE TRAVELLED THE ALMOST SEVEN HUNDRED KILOMETERS SEPARATING KIOTA FROM TANGUIETA.

FIORENZO AND THE CALIPH NEVER MET BUT HAD A THOROUGH EPISTULAR RELATIONSHIP AND HELD EACH OTHER IN HIGH ESTEEM AND RESPECT. AFTER THE CALIPH DIED, HIS SON CONTINUED HIS LEGACY AND FRIENDSHIP BY LETTER.

IT IS HIM TODAY, THE CHEIKH MOUSSA ABOUBAKAR HASSOUMI KIOTA, WHO, LIKE HIS FATHER, CONTINUES TO SEND HIS PATIENTS TO FATHER FIORENZO SO THEY CAN BE TREATED. THIS IS AN UPLIFTING EXAMPLE OF HOW DIFFERENT CREEDS CAN UNITE RATHER THAN DIVIDE, AS WELL AS A LESSON OF COOPERATION AGAINST ANY FORM OF FANATICISM AND INTOLERANCE.





NIGER - KIOTA. ABDOULLAHI IBRAHIM, A CALIPH'S RELATIVE, GIVING THE BLESSING TO A GROUP OF WORSHIPPERS WHO HAVE COME TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIM

NIGER - THE TEACHER IDÉ, DIRECTOR OF  
MAMA KIOTA PRIMARY SCHOOL, IS THE  
ONE WRITING LETTERS FROM THE CALIPH  
FOR FATHER FIORENZO, A SURGEON AT  
TANGUIETA HOSPITAL IN BENIN WHERE  
MOUSSA ZIRDJO WILL BE GOING

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Très cher Directeur Docteur Florent -  
Celle mola est de la part de Moussa Zirdjo et  
cousin codife cherch Moussa Zirdjo et vives salutations  
d'abord mes sincères et vives salutations -  
vous et à tous ceux de chert. -  
Etient du nom Fada Me  
Vosle vbre amie



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NIGER - KIOTA. MOUSSA ZIRDJO GOING BACK HOME WITH THE CALIPH'S LETTER





NIGER - KIOTA. MOUSSA ZIRDJO LEAVING KIOTA  
FOR TANGUIETA BEFORE SUNRISE

NIGER - MOUSSA. MOUSSA ZIRDJO  
PRAYING WITH HIS "ROSARY" DURING  
THE JOURNEY TO THE HOSPITAL





NIGER - ALKOROU HAMADOU IS A DRIVER  
FROM KIOTA WHO HAS OFTEN TAKEN  
PATIENTS TO TANGUIETA HOSPITAL



NIGER - ADAMA GARBA FROM KIOTA JOINS MOUSSA DURING HIS JOURNEY LEAVING FROM NIAMEY. SHE IS GOING TO TANGUIETA HOSPITAL FOR A BONE TUBERCULOSIS COMBINED WITH AIDS



NIGER. MOUSSA ZIRDO, ADAMA GARBA AND FATHI (GOING WITH ADAMA) DURING THEIR CAR JOURNEY TO TANGUIETA HOSPITAL



ADAMA GARBA BUYING KOLA  
NUTS AT THE BORDER BETWEEN  
NIGER AND BURKINA FASO



Prénom : MOTISSA  
 Nom : ZINDO  
 Surnom :  
 Né le : 01/01/1945  
 à :  
 Fil. de :  
 et de :

NATIONALITE NIGERIENNE



Prénom : ADAMA  
 Nom : GARBA  
 Surnom :  
 Né le : 1943 1984  
 à :  
 Fil. de :  
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ADAMA GARBA BUYING KOLA NUTS AT THE BORDER BETWEEN NIGER AND BURKINA FASO

**BURKINA FASO**



le roaming airtel  
vous accompagne  
partout



BURKINA FASO. A BREAK FOR LUNCH  
AND TO GO TO THE TOILET DURING  
THE JOURNEY TO TANGUIETA





BURKINA FASO. PUTTING PETROL  
FROM NIGERIA BLACK MARKET





BENIN. FATHER FIORENZO, A SURGEON AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL, DURING A FIRST QUICK LOOK AT THE X-RAYS OF ADAMA GARBA AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL

BENING. A MEETING BETWEEN FATHER FIORENZO,  
A SURGEON AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL, AND MOUSSA  
ZIRDJO DURING HIS ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL





BENIN. THE CROSS IN THE HALL OF SAINT  
JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA



BENIN. ADAMA GARBA AND FATHI IN THE COURTYARD OF SAINT JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA WAITING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

BENIN. MOUSSA ZIRDJO PRAYING  
WITH HIS "ROSARY" DURING  
THE JOURNEY TO THE HOSPITAL





BENIN. ADAMA GARBA ON A WHEEL-CHAIR IS GOING TO THE X-RAY ROOM OF SAINY JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA

BENIN. ADAMA GARBA IN THE X-RAY  
ROOM OF SAINY JEAN DE DIEU  
HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA







BENIN. ADAMA GARBA AND FATHI  
WITH FATHER FIORENZO, A SURGEON  
AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL

BENIN. A DOCTOR LOOKING AT  
ADAMA GARBA'S X-RAYS



BENIN. A NURSE AT SAINT JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA TAKING A BLOOD SAMPLE FROM ADAMA GARBA





BENIN. FATHER FIORENZO, A SURGEON AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL, INJECTING OZONOTHERAPY INTO A VEIN TO ADAMA GARBA



BENIN. MOTHERS AND CHILDREN FROM THE LOCAL ETHNIC GROUP PEUL IN THE NUTRITION DEPARTMENT OF SAINT JEAN DE DIEU HOSPITAL IN TANGUIETA



BENIN. FATHER FIORENZO, A SURGEON AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL, IN THE OPERATING ROOM WITH A PATIENT WHO IS GOING TO BE OPERATED FOR A FRACTURE

BENIN. FATHER FIORENZO, A  
SURGEON AT TANGUIETA HOSPITAL,  
VISITING SOME PATIENTS





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