

# Survive & Thrive: A Journal for Medical Humanities and Narrative as Medicine

---

Volume 2 | Issue 1

Article 22

---

2015

## Surviving Burkina Faso

Sarah Drake

*Sarah Drake LLC*, [sarahdrakeart@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdrakeart@gmail.com)

Follow this and additional works at: [http://repository.stcloudstate.edu/survive\\_thrive](http://repository.stcloudstate.edu/survive_thrive)

---

### Recommended Citation

Drake, Sarah (2015) "Surviving Burkina Faso," *Survive & Thrive: A Journal for Medical Humanities and Narrative as Medicine*: Vol. 2 : Iss. 1 , Article 22.

Available at: [http://repository.stcloudstate.edu/survive\\_thrive/vol2/iss1/22](http://repository.stcloudstate.edu/survive_thrive/vol2/iss1/22)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by theRepository at St. Cloud State. It has been accepted for inclusion in *Survive & Thrive: A Journal for Medical Humanities and Narrative as Medicine* by an authorized editor of theRepository at St. Cloud State. For more information, please contact [kewing@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:kewing@stcloudstate.edu).

## *Surviving Burkina Faso*

### *"Tiebele huts"*

Rectangle, oblong,  
tells if single or married.  
Shapes scare animals.

### *"Preventable"*

Sanitation and  
water lacking. Stomach hurts.  
Where's the bathroom?

### *"Artist+Humanitarian"*

An artistarian!  
Creative call, serve with others.  
My purpose in life.

### *"Hopeful return"*

You touched my heart,  
Changed my life for better,  
Will return to you.

### *"When I embraced who I am"*

Enter sacred space.  
Calm, peace, confidence, wash over.  
Work with, change the world.

### *"Life saving privilege"*

For once I was ok  
with my white privilege. For this  
day, my life was saved.

### *"The world is my canvas"*

Took a leap of faith.  
A blank canvas before me now.  
Inspiration overflows!

### *"What she shared"*

Old, experienced  
hands teach me the way. Skill,  
knowledge, compassion. Honored.

### *"Honored to work"*

The field is everything,  
her livelihood, and she trusts me  
to work beside her.