

Roll 1

1. Welcome to Africa – flight from Brussels to Ivory Coast over Sahara Desert
2. We spent 1 week (approximately) at Gambian Pastoral Institute
3. Naming Ceremony (genté) sitting next to village elder
4. “Shaving” my head as they would shave an infants
5. Done shaving & gave me my name Amie Touray
6. My “Tooma” or namesake is my 12 year old sister (in school uniform)
7. The 3 Sare Sambians with our new names Derek (Maalik Siesay), Nate (baabu Njie) and myself
8. My “yaay” is in purple and teaching me to dance African style
9. they lift their skirts when they really get into the dancing
10. Bruce & Tessa Young (Xaja & Modubassiera) came from Medina Sanchez after their genté to visit us. Tessa is half Irish so she is impressing all with a little jig.
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12. In blue is a PCV a year ahead of us (Joe) who came to stay the first week; in green is one of my sisters, Ndey
13. My yaay dancing with 2 yr old Xadi on her back
14. My pit latrine to the right and “shower” area to the left
15. Some neighbors in the entrance to my compound (located behind me)
16. My little sisters turn 2 and yaay wanted a pic...now she will no longer breast feed
17. Inside my yaay's hut
18. Foodbowl for women & children at breakfast time...large family!
19. From above
20. My hut at tendada Camp where training was when not in village
21. Sunset from my backyard
22. Rainbow with many kids (I think yellow shirt in back is my tooma)
23. Wolof lessons outside under the Neem tree with Xadi Sowe (Haddy)
24. Henna on my hand considered beautiful in this culture...just a random design & lasted 2-3 weeks
25. The LCH's hut in Sare Samba

Roll 2

1. Random first shot I think toward the village cemetery
2. My training village hut's back door
3. Inside ... about half the space I have (very similar in size to my current hut)
4. Right hand only! PC provided lunch for us which was much nicer than the typical Gambian lunch (Derek, me & Haddy, LCH)
5. Haddy brewing Ataaya...a green tea from China that they add tons of sugar to and is a very common past time/hobby/chatting tool in everyday life
6. They were chatting about the Koran...but guys sit and talk all afternoon sometimes – the heat of the day
7. Another typical scene I tried to get without them knowing...in the LCH host compound
8. I loved this tree outside my compound and just had to get a pic of it
9. Boys sitting in the shade outside my compound
10. My host family under shade in their compound talking, etc.
11. at N'Jarowa, the NATC – National Agriculture Training Center – we had a brief training...so these are fellow PCTs
12. Learning about polypots in the garden at NATC
13. A little nursery area for trees
14. returning from NATC to Tendaba we took the ferry crossing from Fanyfenni to Sama, but it was flooded so this is the “Coaster Bus” making its way
15. The people didn't seem to mind and just went on with business

16. Our boat ride West out of Tendaba preparing for the "Death March", a 27k hike that took us essentially all day. You can see Tendaba in the background
17. The River Gambia
18. Went 2 hrs down the river
19. Cheeta and our hike thru the mangroves
20. Typical sight that day
21. Low tide...high tide covers the roads
22. Rice field
23. The River bank and our lunch spot
24. Another view
25. Back at Tendaba...a pic of the pool where many PCT's spent lots of time

Roll 3:

1. My sister(Soxna) Sohana carrying my two-year old sister Xadi (Haddy) outside my door
2. My family working in their everyday jobs/clothes...impossible to get a candid shot!
3. Sunset at Tendaba
4. Carved wooden bird
5. Me fetching H2O with my younger sisters following
6. I only have the small bucket in this pic whereas most women carry the larger pan (I do now, too!)
7. Nate & Derek in Saresamba
8. Today is Koriteh (the day after the month of fasting for Ramadan) so everyone gets all dressed up
9. My tooma (12) Ami, myself and my 19ish yr old sister Ndey
10. Men in front, women and children in back praying toward Mecca
11. Group shot
12. Group shot
13. My host father is in front leading the village
14. Returning from the prayers
15. Attempting a candid shot
16. The entrance to my family compound of 3 compounds...mine is to the left
17. Ndey, Ami, and Xani(24) braiding my hair
18. same
19. Xadi (2), yaay xadi, Saxna, Ami, Xani, Ousmaan (8ish)
20. Look at their braids! Amazing patterns!
21. Two random girls, but I liked their outfits
22. sunset Hotel in Serekundo is where we stayed on the beach for Swearing In...quite different than village!
23. Sunrise...we decided to get up early to watch it...but it was actually kind of blocked by a building
24. the path to my room (the ocean is right there)
25. My roommate Mary