

2018



Marie Rosine missed a semester due to pregnancy, but then finished her studies for a *Licence* in modern literature. She passed an exam for government service in 2016 and accepted a job as a secondary school teacher in the province of Ziro, 45 miles from her home town of Koudougou. Her salary of 174,000 f CFA (\$317) a month will be increased this year. Her husband Felix is a school teacher. Their daughter Stéphanie is now 4.

2017

Marie Rosine should finish her Licence degree in modern literature in 2017. Her grade average last year was a respectable 11.64. She was obliged to repeat a semester in her first year when she became pregnant. Her husband is a teacher; they live in a nice home with their daughter Stéphanie. (Solidarité)

2016

Marie Rosine Kabore interrupted her studies the first year to have a baby, but finished her second year normally. She's studying contemporary literature to become a secondary school teacher. The new Government finally paid the teachers at the University of Koudougou, ending a five month strike. She went back to class on 8 February and hopes to finish her second year in March. Third and final year is expected to start at the beginning of April.



Marie Rosine with her daughter Stéphanie.

2015

Rosine wants to teach at the secondary level and for that she will need the three-year Licence degree. She's in her second year. She interrupted her first year of study to marry and have a baby.



Rosine, right, with her 15-month-old daughter Stéphanie, and mother, January 2015.

She repeated her first year and passed. Her husband Felix is a school teacher and they recently moved into their own home. With two salaries, they should eventually be very comfortable.



Rosine and Felix now rent this house.

Besides Rosine, we have nine other girls hoping to continue their studies with our support.

2014



Marie Rosine did well her first semester at the University of Koudougou, where she is studying to be a primary school teacher. But she failed her second semester. We wanted to know why. We visited her home in January and her Dad introduced us to her baby of three months. It was then clear what happened second semester.

She will only have to repeat the second semester, and we willingly agreed to pay for the one-time repeat. Her parents are unemployed; their house has no electricity. We gave Marie Rosine a solar lamp in January so that she could study evenings after the baby goes to bed. She began her make-up courses in mid-March.



Marie Rosine, left, her Dad, her Mom and her baby.



Marie Rosine is our first experience with motherhood among our beneficiaries. Our Health Fund will look after the needs of both Marie and her baby. She attended our general meeting in Koudougou, where she was briefed on how the Fund will work. She listened attentively.

