

2018



Marie-Thérèse was in her first year of a *Licence* program in modern languages when she fell ill with a tumor on the intestine. We took up a special collection among Board members and paid for her surgery. Perhaps shaken by that experience, she left university and joined a religious order. She explained to us that she is very happy there and may continue her university studies after she finishes a three-year religious formation. We don't consider her a drop out; we told her we will back her if she returns to university.



*Marie-Thérèse at the convent, January 2018.*

2017

Marie-Thérèse Kiemtore started in a Licence program in contemporary literature at the University of Koudougou. Had a life-threatening intestinal tumor; we paid for the operation. A friend photocopied her course notes so that she could study from home while convalescing. We hope she will succeed this year. (Solidarité)

2016

Marie-Thérèse K finished her secondary studies at the Lycée Sainte-Monique with good grades. I interviewed her in January 2016 and she said she wanted to study modern languages and become a teacher.



I visited her parents, who are subsistence farmers. Their two-room home has no electricity. Marie-Thérèse K sleeps in the living room on the concrete floor with two younger brothers. They seem happy as a family.