

2018



*Marie, her husband Jacques and their two-year old son, Gratias.*

Marie dropped out of law school when she became pregnant with Gratias. She was determined to have a career and asked us to finance nursing school. Our Board split on this question, but eventually approved it. She is now in her second year of midwife training and has excellent grades. She and Jacques were married on 5 May 2018 in her home village.



2016

We financed Marie Kabore at law school for three years. In the third year, she dropped out to have a baby. Our Board was not amused. She married Jacques, a second year philosophy student and went to live with his family. I met with them there in January 2016. Marie smiled like nothing had happened. I brought a children's book for their son, Gratias.



*Marie, Jacques and Gratias.*

Marie assured me that she had matured and now wanted to do something serious—become a mid-wife. I was assured by Jacques’s seriousness and argued on their behalf before our Board. The Board remained skeptical, and agreed only to pay Marie’s tuition. If she succeeds, they would consider a full scholarship next year. Now it’s up to Marie.