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Fedeline Metelus is one of our university students at UPROH who is part of the very first BGM sponsored class at BGM High School. She has been sponsored since she was in the 8th grade, and she is so very thankful to have had this opportunity. Fedeline grew up in a family compound with her parents, two sisters, and two brothers. Even though her parents rarely had any money to even feed their children, all of the aunts and uncles that lived in the compound worked hard to put their resources together to make sure they all survived. They all lived in small one-room houses made of dirt and sticks. Everyone slept on dirt floors at night. The children would all get up early in the morning to go fill buckets with water so that they could bathe and prepare for school. For a long time, all of the children went to a little school that was free, but it wasn't a very good school. Then when BGM started the sponsorship program, Fedeline and her younger siblings got sponsorships. This was very helpful for their family.

Fedeline remembers feeling so proud to be a part of BGM High School and other activities of But God Ministries. Sometimes she would go to Hope Center with her sister and they would learn to make jewelry or clay nativity scenes and ornaments. One year she and her sister made enough clay items to buy food for two months for their entire family. It was a great Christmas present to her parents. She realized then that if she could learn things that helped her make money, she would be able to help her family in so many ways. Staying in school was going to be the key to her future. She was finally getting a good education and she was determined that she would do good in school and take advantage of every opportunity she could to learn. As she continued to make a little money making jewelry and clay items, she would save up to take professional classes in the summers. Each summer she would take a different course. She has taken courses in cooking, cosmetology, and computer/technology. The computer class has helped her the most because she knows how to use programs that help her in school.

Now Fedeline is going to Providence University, has her own laptop to do her school work on, is studying in the nursing program, and is soon going to be moving into the house that BGM has rented for all of the university students. She is also very excited about entering into a special internship program where she will get hands-on training at a local hospital! She can't wait to see herself in a nursing uniform, working in a hospital! Life has changed a lot for Fedeline since she lived in the little compound of dirt houses! She feels so blessed that she was chosen for a scholarship and that she can see a bright future for herself. Her dream is to one day return to her village and be a nurse in one of the local clinics there. She will be proud to serve her community and help her family too. She hopes to be an example to her siblings and other children in the village that hard work pays off and never give up on your dreams.