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Sheringame Declasse is a bright and compassionate young lady from Galette Chambon who has been in the BGM Sponsorship program since she was fourteen years old and in the 8th grade. She has always been one of the smartest people in her class, and she has had dreams of studying medicine for as long as she can remember. She grew up in a family that made school and church their priorities. She was taught all her life that God had a great plan for her life and that to find that plan she must follow His word and be obedient to Him and her parents and study hard in school. Her father instilled in her a desire to go as far as she could in school because he said he didn't want her to waste her potential. He didn't have the privilege of being very well educated, but her mother and other family members did. Her mother was a nurse and her uncle was a high school math teacher. Her mother worked at Pen Lavi Malnutrition Center as a nurse for a couple of years and her uncle moved to Brazil about six years ago to go to college.

When Sheringame was fifteen years old, she had a very serious health scare. She had noticed that her heart would race sometimes and she would become short of breath. Her aunt took her to see the doctor at Hope Center clinic and he referred her to a cardiologist in Port au Prince. After many tests and scans, they discovered that Sheringame had a small hole in her heart. They said that it could have become very serious without medical attention, so she is glad they caught it when they did. They prescribed her some medication and she has regular checkups with the doctor to keep an eye on her healing progress, but he says that he believes the problem with her heart is beginning to heal on its own and she should be able to live a long and healthy life. Sheringame experienced another scare, however, that she believes will be a little harder to get over. Her mother suddenly died of a heart attack just before Sheringame graduated from high school. It was a shock that devastated the entire village because everyone knew and loved her mother and no one had any idea that she was sick! It has been really hard for Sheringame to keep her focus on school over the last two years without her mother, but she knows that seeing Sheringame continue reaching for her dreams was very important to her mother, so she presses on.

After going through the scare with her heart and then losing her mother to a heart attack, Sheringame realized that she definitely wants to study medicine. She was so happy when she found out that she was going to be blessed with a scholarship to go to Providence University because they have a nursing program. She thinks that she might want to one day go on to medical school to study to become a doctor and maybe even a cardiologist, but for now, since she has this opportunity to study nursing, she believes that God wants her to start here. She thinks that maybe she can get a good job as a nurse and then one day go back to school to become a doctor. By then, she hopes to have an income that will allow her to pay for medical school and she will also have good medical experience as a nurse.

Of course, she still misses her mother very much, but she is excited about her future and thankful that God has made a way for her to get there.