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Jean Baptiste Metelus is a 2021 graduate from BGM High School. He is a very bright young man from Galette Chambon who loves music. He has lived all his life in Galette Chambon with his parents, two sisters, and four brothers. His parents had always worked as share croppers in the village but right now they do not have jobs because they had to evacuate the village after the gang took over. They moved to a small community up in the mountains where they have other family, so they can be safe. Their family depends on the help of other family members to survive. Jean Baptiste didn't move with the family because he needs to stay where he can have access to internet to attend his online university classes. In spite of the dangers in the village, he decided to continue living in the family home along with two cousins. It is sometimes frightening to live alone there in the village listening to gunfire every night and hearing about kidnappings every day, but Jean Baptiste knows that God will protect him and make a way for him to survive during this hard time.

Jean Baptiste loves to go to church and play music in the church band. He continues to serve in this way even though many of the members of his church are no longer there. He loves to learn how to play different instruments. Right now he can play the guitar and the drums, and he is learning to play the piano. Jean Baptiste's favorite subjects in high school were Algebra and Informatique which is a computer and business application class that was offered outside of school. When he heard that his school was going to offer this extra class for a fee, Jean Baptiste worked for a local farmer in the mornings to save money to be able to take the class. He knew that this class would help him in the future and he was right! He never dreamed in a million years that he would one day not only be able to go to college, but would have his own laptop and take online classes! Having some training in computer technology has helped him to be able to navigate his way through this difficult time as a university student. He is very happy that he will soon be able to move into the house that BGM has rented in Ganthier for the university students because he will be safer, have better access to internet, electricity for studying at night, and a house mom to help him with food. He is also excited about being with his classmates again.

Jean Baptiste decided to major in Education with an emphasis in Biology. He is not sure what God's plan is for his future, but he knows that if he works hard in college, he will be not only the first person in his family to graduate high school, but the first to get a university degree as well. He sees this as hope for a brighter future for himself and for his family. He is thinking that he might start out teaching high school biology when he gets his degree, and that will provide him with an income that will allow him to possibly go to med school one day. Right now, he just wants to do his best in college.