

WOOSBERDINE LOUIS Degree Program: Nursing Email: WoosLouis2020@gmail.com

Woosberdine Louis is a 2021 graduate of our BGM High School and she graduated #2 in her graduating class. She is smart and fun and has always been a leader in her school, church, and community. She comes from a large family, and most of her siblings are sponsored and go to BGM Schools in the village of Galette Chambon. Woosberdine has two older brothers, three younger brothers, and two younger sisters. Her parents are also leaders in the community and very active in their church. Her father owns a local auto parts business and he works on trucks. Her mother is a food vendor in the village. They both make a decent income, but it's not easy to support a family of ten. Because of this, Woosberdine and her older brothers have tried to do all they could to chip in and help support the family. Her brothers would work on motorcycles and Woosberdine and her sisters would help their mother cook and sell food in the town square.

Woosberdine recalls when she first became curious about the job of a nurse when she was a little girl. She had gone with her grandmother to the Hope Center clinic. The nurse was so kind to her and her grandmother and she seemed so smart! She knew how to take blood pressure and listen to her grandmother's heart, and she even gave her grandmother a shot, and it didn't seem to even hurt! She remembers thinking that this woman had to be the most beautiful and smart woman she had ever met. Woosberdine decided right then and there that she wanted to be a nurse one day too. She wasn't sure how one becomes a nurse, but she did know that she would need to go to school. Woosberdine has always loved school and learning new things, so she set her mind on doing her absolute best in school and she went to talk to the nurse at the clinic whenever she could. Through her conversations with the nurse, she learned that she would need to do well in math and science, and after graduating high school she would need to go to a special school like that when her parents could barely afford to put food on the table, but she did believe that God answers prayers, so she committed to praying every day that God would make a way for her to go to nursing school one day.

When she was a senior in high school, Woosberdine remembers her principal saying that he was taking the seniors on a special trip to visit a local university to get information about going to school there. Some of her classmates decided not to go because they said they wouldn't be able to afford to go to that school, so it would be a waste of time going. Woosberdine thought that sounded like a lack of faith to her! She signed up to go on the field trip and the moment she stepped onto the campus, she knew that she would one day be a student there. She had worked very hard to make good grades in school, and she had done her research and prayed. Now she would just wait on the Lord to make a way....and He DID! Soon, Woosberdine was told that she was receiving a scholarship that would pay all of her tuition and housing to go to the university. She was beside herself.

It has not been easy, and there have been many difficulties thrown at the students trying to go to school at the university, but Woosberdine does not lose hope. She knows that she will be a nurse one day because God has made a way in the past and He continues to make a way. She trusts in Him.