

ROSELAINE BONHEUR Degree Program: Nursing Email: RBonheur2020@gmail.com

Roselaine Bonheur is a very bright young graduate from our BGM Secondary School who was accepted into Providence University of Haiti as a nursing student. She holds one of the top scores on the national exam for Philo in the entire Ganthier area and she has maintained good grades in the university in spite of unimaginable circumstances. She grew up in Galette Chambon with her mother, four brothers, and one sister. All of her school age siblings are sponsored, and she was the one child in the household who was paying tuition before she graduated and finally received a sponsorship in the form of a university scholarship! Once she found out that BGM was offering possible scholarships to the local university, she believed this to be a blessing from God and she decided to ask to be added to the sponsorship program so that she could qualify for the scholarship program. She is very, very thankful for this opportunity that she honestly never dreamed she would ever have. It is truly a miracle and answer to prayer.

Her first year of college was definitely not an easy one. She started out very strong and was a leader in most of her classes. However, over Christmas break that year, she thinks she contracted COVID and became very sick. She was never able to be tested for it because there were no clinics around that were testing, however, she had all the symptoms of COVID and the university said that she did not need to return until she was symptom free. Her illness continued on for several months. She saw a doctor during this time and received medications, but it seemed to take forever before she was finally symptom free. By this time, she had missed too much school and had to drop from her classes. Once summer classes started, Roselaine jumped right back in and studied hard to catch up. She managed to make it through all of her classes with high grades and she caught up with her classmates. Now she is preparing to enter into the nursing internship program that Providence University is starting and she is so very excited.

In addition to her illness difficulties, in recent months Roselaine has struggled with finding somewhere to live after the gang hit the village. Her mother and siblings decided to leave the village to go stay with family for a while for their safety. Roselaine didn't feel like she could move with them because she didn't want to miss any more school. She decided to move into the home of her uncle who decided to stay in Galette Chambon, but she doesn't feel safe. She is so thankful that BGM has decided to rent a house in Ganthier so that she will have a safer place to live and she will have internet access, electricity, food, and her friends. They are all going to be doing the nursing internship together soon, and it is going to be so much easier to manage school when they are all together again.

Roselaine is so thankful for the opportunities she has already had through this scholarship to Providence University and she believes that things are only going to get better. She knows that she is going to one day be an amazing nurse because of the difficulties she has endured and the love she has for caring for others.