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Figure 2: Offering to a shrine entity at a homestead (Jan. 1996, J. Merz).



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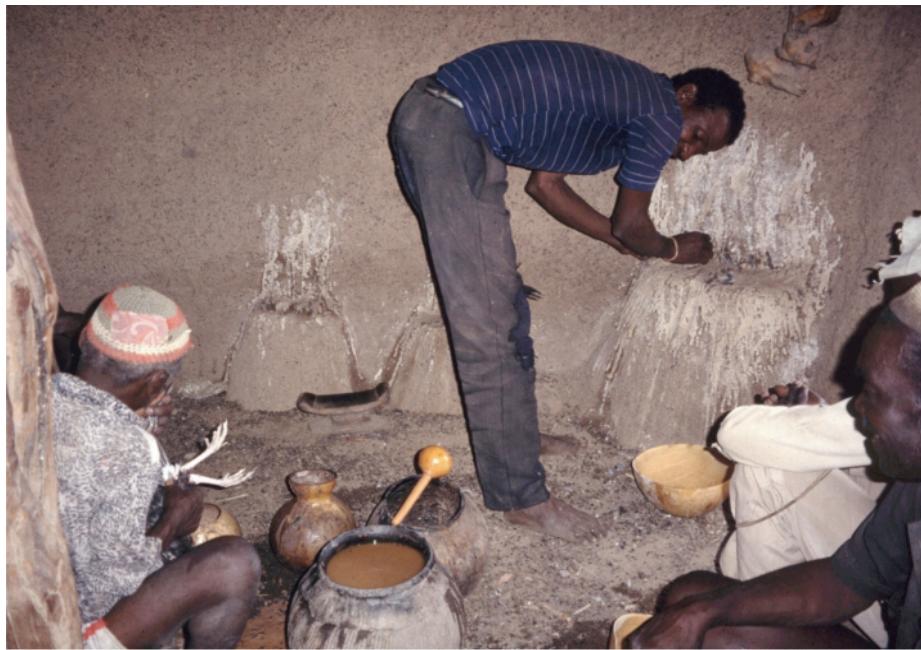


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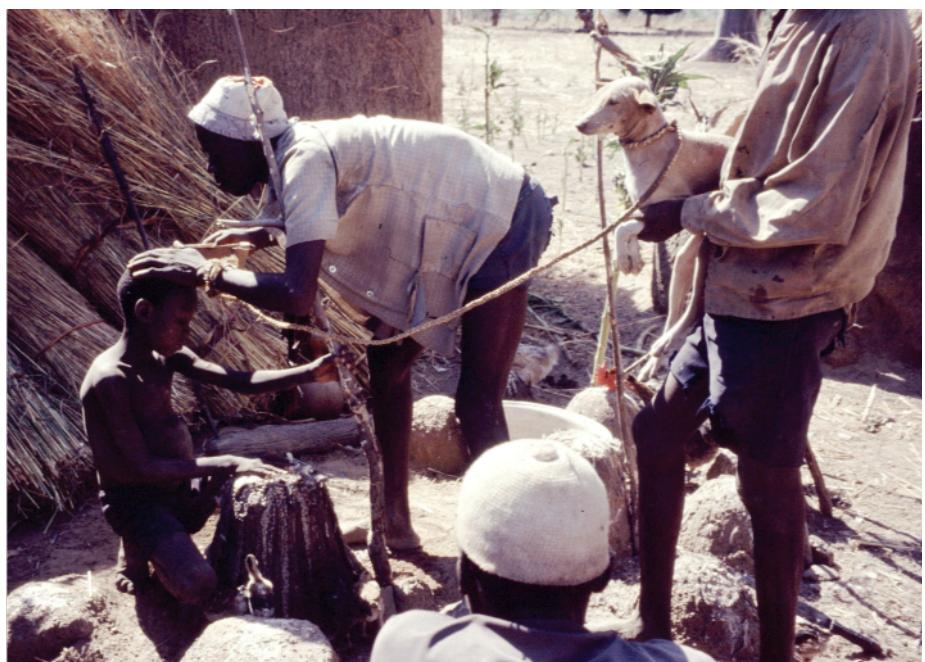


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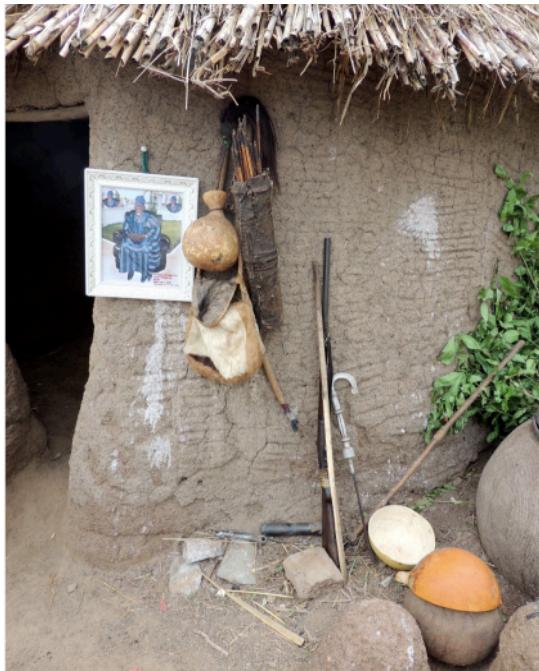


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Appendix

The following people participated in my research by being interviewed, usually several times. They all expressed their wish to be acknowledged in my book by name. Twelve of them, both younger and older, did not live to see the end of my project; I have marked their names accordingly ([†]):

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| Bernard Marie | Douté Jeanne | Douté Mathieu |
| Gnammi Jonas | Gnammou Antoine | Gnammou Colette |
| Gnammou Dominique | Gnammou François | Gnammou Honoré |
| Gnammou Kombètto [†] | Gnammou Kombiènou | Gnammou Moutouama |
| Gnammou Série | Gnammou Toumoudagou | Idani Moïse |
| Issifou Afoua | Kadanti Moutouama [†] | Kauclé Boniface [†] |
| Kombètto André | Kombètto André | Kombètto Barthélémy |
| Kombètto Emmanuel | Kombètto Étienne | Kombètto Dieudonné |
| Kombètto Innocent | Kombètto Julienne | Kombètto Valery |
| Kombiènou Baké | Kombiènou Hélène | Kombiènou Martine |
| Kommou Jean | Kossi Baké | M'Boma Sinhonga |
| Moutouama Alphonse | Moutouama Baké | Moutouama Céline |
| Moutouama Emmanuel | Moutouama François | Moutouama François |
| Moutouama Jacob | Moutouama Kossi | Moutouama Kombètto |
| Moutouama K. Kombètto | Moutouama Laurent | Moutouama Louis |
| Moutouama Namboni | Moutouama Nanhonga | Moutouama Nicodème |
| Moutouama Sanhonga | Moutouama Yatté Alphonse | Nambima Marie |
| Nambima N'Ouémou | Namboni Baké [†] | Namboni Catherine |
| Namboni Fatima | Namboni Innocent | Namboni Kombètto [†] |

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| Namboni Yénabo | Nékoua David | N'Sermè Daniel |
| N'Sermè M'Bermè | N'Sermè Sambiénou | N'Sèrme Toumoudagou [†] |
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| N'Ouémou Moutouama | N'Tadé Raphaël | Ntankou Céline |
| Sambiénou André | Sambiénou Yves | Sambiénou Pascal |
| Sambiéni Daniel | Sambiéni Douté | Sambiéni Gnammou |
| Sambiéni Kombètto | Sambiéni N. Bienvenue | Sambiéni Pauline |
| Sanhouégoua D. Bernard | Sanhékoua Nambima Emmanuel | Sanhékoua Vincent |
| Sanhouékoua Antoine | Sanhouékoua Yatté | Sanhongou Robert Yatté |
| Simkoua Jean | Tabidiéni Moussa | Tagalé Sambiénou [†] |
| Tawéma Adiza | Tawéma Benoît | Tawéma Elisabeth |
| Tawéma Étienne | Tawéma Honorine | Tawéma Kombètto |
| Tawéma Kombiénonu | Tawéma Petit | Tawéma Pierre |
| Tchanaté Bassi | Tchanaté Dominique | Tchanaté Kossi |
| Tchanaté Markipo | Tchanaté Mathieu | Tchanaté Viviane |
| Tchétékoua Daniel | Tchétékoua Fati | Tchétékoua Namboni [†] |
| Tchétékoua Thomas [†] | Toumoudagou Albert [†] | Toumoudagou Idrissou |
| Toumoudagou Jean | Toumoudagou Julienne | Toumoudagou Marie |
| Yantékoua Étienne | Yantékoua Joseph | Yarou Fatima |
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