

## 140A Baby

I created this figure after seeing Stephanie Sinclair's articles, "Too Young to Wed," in the *New York Times*. The multimedia series explored modern child marriages in developing areas in both hemispheres. This is a pervasive problem, one which occurs in more than 50 countries, including pockets of the U.S.

Child brides are removed from school, ending their education and beginning their lives as forced wives. Of the many harsh consequences these girls suffer, some of the most damaging result because of their physical immaturity. The younger the bride, the greater the chance that she and her infant will die in childbirth. Other contributing factors include a lack of critical prenatal care and unsupported home births hours away from medical assistance.

And should the girl and her infant survive, they are often abandoned by the husbands.

Uneducated children attempting to rear children results in continued poverty and starvation, adding to the cycle of misery created when men think of women in terms of domestic and sexual servitude.