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Medicine and Surgery forms the receptacle that sustains socioeconomic development of every community. My name is Elvis Effah Agyemang. A fresh Bachelor of Sciences and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBCHB) graduate from the University of Ghana (Legon). I was raised in a remote town in the Ashanti Region where basic essential like health needs constituted a luxury for the few, endowed with the financial liberty to patronize in the urban areas. Untimely deaths and their related social burdens, and sufferings that originated from the scarcity of these basic infrastructure and competent human resource haunted me to pursue education and career in Medicine and Surgery, for myself and millions of Ghanaians that needs prompt professional medical care.

Pursuing Medicine and Surgery is exorbitant, and I had no support from neither family nor friends initially. I had to work for three years to secure admission fees and application forms. Second semester into the first academic year after my enrollment, I had run out of funds entirely. Fortunately, with the assistance of God, Educational Pathways International (EPI) through the Students Financial Aid Office at the University of Ghana willfully awarded me a comprehensive scholarship covering tuition, accommodation, books and stipends throughout period of study. Devoid of this timely intervention, I would have no other option than to drop out of school on accounts of inability to fulfil the financial obligations that is associated with my choice of program of study.

I count myself, privileged. The reality of the fact that potentials alone does not constitute the ingredient for success. Without, the priceless push from Educational Pathway International, my dreams to contribute towards of Ghana Health system will never have been fruitful. Educational Pathway International played critical role in mentorship and relation. Regardless of the palpable contrast of my background and that of my sponsors, there was deliberate pulling of all beneficiaries to have a sense of belonging. Frequent seminars on varied topics designed to empower the beneficiaries for dynamism of modern industrial growth were administered.

I have acquired leadership skills, improved my public speaking versatility and developed key habits of a pivotal team player through the extracurricular activities of this amazing scholarship program.

Having benefited from the benevolence of Educational Pathway International, it is imperative I offer similar assistance to other persons whose potentials are being suffocated by restraining forces of financial constraints. I look forward to also offer speeches that will motivate others who needs compliments and external motivational support to fully harness their potentials.

In the future, I look forward to work with my colleagues in the Health Services to offer holistic client oriented services to all persons who needs emergency and elective healthcare regardless of their background. It is my wish to institute a Mobile Health Outreach that will organize periodic health tour to most parts of Ghana where healthcare services are unavailable. Majority of severely ill persons at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital were referred from the peripheries where there was undue delay in the management of their health problems for the obvious reasons. Screening and early management will alleviate the country off its health burden.

Education is key. Have I not excelled in my pre-tertiary education, there would not have been any possibility to reach the stretched-out helping hands of Educational Pathway International that prevented me from drowning under the burden of financial challenges. I shall endeavor to influence the educational system of Ghana from the formative stages to the tertiary level, in my capacity to teach, mentor and provide resources.

Attainment of Bachelor of Medical Sciences and subsequently Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery forms the baptism into the medical profession. It is my desire to enroll in residency program with an aim to be a consultant in fields of medicine vital to modern tropical healthcare and delivery.

I would like to express my profound appreciation to the stakeholders of Educational Pathways International, who through their benevolence, care and opportunities, assisted me to pursue my academic goals under extraordinary circumstance.