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I am Grace Bichenlib, a newly graduated medical student who offered Bachelor of Sciences and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Development Studies (UDS) in Tamale in the northern part of Ghana. I was privileged to get this wonderful scholarship with Educational Pathways International (EPI) in my first year in the medical school and this has really helped shaped my life. This was a full scholarship which provided me with everything I needed in the medical school for my dream of being a Medical Doctor a reality.

I grew up in a very remote area in the Oti region of Ghana where access to good health care was a challenge to the people. I witnessed people dying from conditions they could have survived if they had access to quality health care. Women died from pregnancy related complications due to lack of health care facility in the community and the inability to access the nearest facility on time due to poor road network. These things challenged me to pursue my career in the field of medicine.

In order to advance in my medical knowledge, I would like to further specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the coming years to enable me to provide good and quality healthcare to the people in the remote areas. Rather than developed cities, I would like to work in the remote areas to help bridge the gap in healthcare. In the near future, I would like to organize medical outreaches to screen individuals in these areas for early detection of critical medical conditions and initiate treatments.

If it hadn't been for EPI scholarship, my story would have been one that started medical school but couldn't complete, not because of poor academic performance but because of financial constraints. EPI has not only helped me financially but has also prepared me to fit into my career and the community due to the various seminars organized which include 'Entrepreneurship', 'Time management', 'Public Speaking', 'The Top 5 skills every Employer requires', 'Article writing' and many more. I cannot express how appreciative I am of EPI for making this possible.