**TRULY, I HAVE MADE IT**

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Growing up was anything but easy. I live with my parents and siblings at Mampong Akuapem. Each day was a battle against poverty that seemed endless. Despite my parents’ tireless efforts to ensure that our needs are met, life kept hitting us with one heavy blow after another. I, just like all my siblings, had aims of perusing education to the highest level but these dreams were nearly shuttered by the struggles of life.

After I completed my Senior High School Education in 2019, furthering my education became an impossible dream as my parents could not afford finance my education any further. Due to this, I signed up for an apprenticeship but all the while I never lost the hope of furthering my education. One faithful day, as I was having a discussion with someone, he told me about Akuapem Educational Trust. I made up my mind to explore the opportunity. I read more about AET on the internet and acquired the link to their scholarship application portal and applied. A few days later, I was contacted by the AET office and invited for an interview. I attend the interview and by the grace of God I was selected to one the beneficiaries of their scholarship program.

I have benefited a lot from my encounter with AET, from their scholarship program, mentorship and personal development programs. I am now a level 400 student of the Presbyterian college of education, Akropong-Akuapem, with very few months to complete. When I lool back at what my life was before AET and what my life is now, I can’t help but exclaim the words, ”TRULY, I HAVE MADE IT”.