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Curriculum vitae

Juventus Benogle Ziem was born on April 21, 1975 in Nandom in the northwestern corner of Ghana. At the age 5 he was enrolled in the St Allocious primary school which was established in Kandemegangn a rural farming community as part of the first batch of students. In August, 1987, he was among the last batch of students to be admitted into the St Louis preparatory boarding school established by the Maastricht-based FIC brothers in Wa. A year later, he passed his common entrance examinations and proceeded to Nandom Secondary school where he had his secondary education for 5 years. In 1993, he was admitted into St. Peters secondary school at Nkwatia in the eastern region of Ghana where he obtained his general certificate of education advanced level in June, 1995.

From August 1995 to December 1995 he was attached to the Ghana Health Service in Bolgatanga for national service. In January, 1996 following the establishment of a third medical school in Ghana, he was among the first batch of students to start the School of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University for Development Studies (UDS) in Tamale. He qualified for his Bachelor of Science degree in human biology in October, 2000 and was to proceed to the University of Ghana medical school in Accra for his clinical internship. In February 2001, the Department of Parasitology in Leiden offered him a training period as a medical researcher and so he differed his clinical training and commenced the research and control project concerning the control of human oesophagostomiasis in northern Ghana towards the award of a doctor of philosophy degree. For a period of 3 years he travelled between Tamale and Garu (in the northern part of Ghana), Leiden (in The Netherlands) and Copenhagen (in Denmark) for the realization of this thesis.

In September 2003, while writing up the various chapters of this thesis, he started his clinical internship in School of Medical Sciences of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi-Ghana. He is due to graduate in September 2006 as medical doctor. Mr Juventus Benogle Ziem is the first ever graduate from the newly established University for Development Studies in Tamale to be enrolled into a PhD programme. He is aiming at starting a teaching job in the medical school in UDS and starting clinical practice in a rural part of northern Ghana as well as initiating a multi-disciplinary research into tropical diseases in the near future.