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Baruch Gives Thanks



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As a former school teacher, I know that quality education is very expensive. Thank you for supporting Divine Word College. In that way, you are making my education possible. From DWC, I receive more than I expected. I cannot mention all here, but allow me to talk about some of those benefits.

I am Baruch Zinthe Maoudjlo Zinsou, from Benin, in west Africa. I am now an SVD candidate at Divine Word College. In April 2016, I was

waiting for my letter of admission to the SVD novitiate in Ghana when my provincial informed me that I would be continuing my formation in the United States. I was speechless. I was a loyal Francophile and my English was awful. I was not excited to come to DWC, where I would have to learn English.

However, with fear, yet with faith in the accomplishment of God's will in my life, I obeyed my former provincial and

entered the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at DWC in August 2016.

Having the opportunity to learn English is an immeasurable gift I received at DWC. Now I can interact with people in English; I have no language barrier. After successfully passing the ESL program a year ago, I started on a degree in Intercultural Studies in August 2018.

I am also blessed to share my days with people from many countries. I do not just learn about cultures, I experience them. I am not an anthropologist; I am a citizen of the world. I also benefit from DWC's formation program, which has five aspects—human, spiritual, intellectual, cross-cultural community, and missionary ministry—to help me become a true follower of Jesus. So, I would like to thank all of you, DWC's silent yet active partners, for your daily sacrifice, your perpetual support, and your incalculable generosity. You give me the opportunity to prepare to be a good missionary wherever I go in the world.

May God bless you!