

# BEYOND STAIRS

## Second Edition

BEYOND STAIRS is a movie in ten episodes in which the author highlights the prejudices that society has regarding disabled. For some, a disabled is a useless being; he or she should not go to school. For others, he or she has no right to work and therefore must beg in the streets. For others, a disabled person is a mystical being who could only bear disabled children and therefore, should not get married. In this jail-like universe, the disabled must struggle to prove that he or she is equal, and perhaps even superior, to other people.



Born in a Christian family, Ouabo Esaie Legrand, also known as Professor Ouele was born on February 6, 1965 in Bangoua Hospital (West Cameroon). At nine months of age, he can walk and run. However, at 12 months, poliomyelitis paralyzes him and condemns him to crawl for many years.

Despite his infirmity, he attended school. After earning his Baccalaureat G1, he enrolled at the University of Yaounde Law School. One year later, he passed the exam to access the BTS cycle at the University of Douala. He earned the Advanced Technician Certificate, option Bilingual Executive Secretary. He then continued to study at the Advanced Teachers' School for Technical Education (Ecole Normale Supérieure d'Enseignement Technique, ENSET).

He moved to the United States of America after teaching for 11 years in various high schools in Cameroon. He earned additional degrees including a bachelor's degree in education, a bachelor's degree in business administration, a master's degree in special education, and a PhD in special education.

He is:

- a special education teacher,
- a writer,
- a musician,
- an activist,
- the founder of several structures for the training and placement of disabled persons including associations like "Arc-en-ciel" and the Sports and Leisure Association for the Disabled (Association Sports et Loisirs pour Handicapes, ASLOH),
- and a researcher in psychology for the disabled.

He is an advocate of people with disabilities.