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THINK BIG OR GO HOME

Enterprise Innovation City (eiCITY) is a new community located just 25 minutes from our current home. With more than 100 acres, eiCITY is being developed to support a professional and academic population of 5000 within the next 5 years. This population will include primary and secondary students, hospital staff and patients, higher education students, staff and faculty.

During 2017 Terry and Andrew had determined and documented our need to focus on promoting business and training skills in order to achieve the best results at battling poverty for families here in Uganda. It wasn't until 2018 however that the scope of God's plan for this work became truly apparent.

During the second quarter, Andrew became involved with eiCITY and agreed to devote a few months to helping them meet a few goals. A few months quickly became a full-time long-term investment and today Andrew is working with eiCITY leaders to develop and promote eiCITY business.

What is eiCITY exactly? Its an umbrella company that is developing an educational community with a number of services in it. eiCITY will have a hospital, primary and secondary schools, some sports facilities and of course the AGE Institute. The AGE Institute is the centrepiece of eiCITY and of course the primary reason Terry and Andrew are engaged in this work. On completion, the AGE Institute expects to teach thousands of graduates how to turn the skills they have into a functional business.

Today, eiCITY projects are started but the entire project is struggling to continue. The hospital has a foundation but has stalled, the primary school is built but running at about half capacity and the AGE Institute itself is a beautiful two floor cement structure that has stalled. The teams mission now is to create revenue and complete the AGE building. With the AGE building operating, we believe the rest of the community will rapidly transform to meet the needs of the students.

There are many challenges on the road ahead but Terry and Andrew feel strongly that eiCITY and the AGE Institute have a huge capacity to transform lives though business. As we work to find ways to move the project forward, we pray that God will provide all that is needed.



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"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it."

- Greg Anderson

Will Ugandan students really find work?

TRANSFORMATION

Uganda produces about 100,000 university graduates annually. These graduates will compete for about 5,000 traditional jobs. What do remaining 95,000 graduates do?



NOT JUST ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

THE PROBLEM

The figure of unemployed graduates keeps soaring in Uganda. Every year, universities release more than 100,000 graduates into the job market. Across Uganda, students arrive on campus full of hope that a university degree will improve their lives. The reality is far less certain. Formal employment in Uganda absorbs only 5% of these graduates. The remaining 95% will be forced to seek employment in the entrepreneurial sector.

The Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development states that at least 36% of university graduates are unemployed. Unfortunately, many of them lack the skills and direction needed to create a sustainable business. The way to address the unemployment challenge is through entrepreneurial skill development.

The Uganda Vision 2040 report states that a strong labor force will enable the country's long-term development plan helping the country to transition from a low-income to a middle-income status. In order for this to be achieved, there is the need to equip the labor force with the appropriate skills required for sustainable production.



THE SOLUTION

Entrepreneurship will enable Uganda's youth to prosper and create rich employment opportunities. At the AGE Institute, graduates can acquire skills and knowledge in applied entrepreneurship. The AGE Institute is an enabling bridge for graduates in many sectors. At the AGE Institute, we provide targeted entrepreneurial training. This enabling bridge will empower youth to create employment rather than being trapped with other graduates looking for an opportunity.



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"... from 1986 to 2015 it (Uganda) has grown from \$246m in 1986 to \$26b ... it continues to grow at an average of 5% per year"

- NewVision Newspaper (Uganda)



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