1. Georgia Tech is committed to developing leaders to improve the global human condition. Tell us how you have improved or hope to improve the human condition in your community. (max. 300 words)

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The sun beat down on my team as we surveyed Cuntel Village. We arrived in the village on a mission to help the locals and their village leader. Pointing at that peculiar-looking area, I asked the village leader, “what is that mess over there?” My curiosity turned to heartbreak when he informed the group that it was a half-built school abandoned by the government due to a shortage of financial support. Calling an emergency meeting, I declared that we would pivot from our original plan of donating to volunteer work.

I proposed the idea of splitting the team into two groups: one for construction and the other for education. The construction group would focus on building the school, while the other would teach the villagers numbers and the alphabet. As the virtual sundial blared what limited time we have, we promptly began our impromptu yet purpose-driven project.

As part of the former team, I scoured the village, collecting materials necessary for the construction. After gathering and placing wooden boards, we successfully built a roof. We also strength-tested our handmade shelf as we stacked up the donated books we brought from the city atop. As the construction closed to an end, I visited the education team to oversee the progress of the villagers’ learning. Their joy after successfully pronouncing each letter was a refreshing, melodic breeze for our exhausted bodies.

“Who’s now ready for the grand reveal of the school?” I led in exclamation as the rest of the group ushered everyone towards what was the locals’ abandoned hope – to study, to pursue a better future one day. Knowing that our perhaps menial yet collaborative effort was well-received with love by the villagers, we pledged to return; only this time knowing it would fulfil my long-term goal of educating unprivileged Indonesians.

*Hi Michael,*

*Thanks for filling in all the gaps from your previous draft! It is now way easier to read and follow haha. What I would probably not forget next time, though, is the tone and storytelling aspect of the piece – such as by minimizing the use of certain words/phrases too repetitively.*

*But at any rate, well done and I wish you the best of luck on your application journey!*

*- Matthew*