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### EDITORIAL

## Beat the Negativity and achieve!

**H**ow do you get up in the morning? Do you drag yourself out of bed probably still angry at all that went wrong yesterday or you jump out of it eager to find out what the new day has in store for you?

I have gone through bouts of doubt and self doubt these days that finally it just dawned on me that we are participants in our future. How we look at our challenges determine in great part the outcome.

It can because you to become a cynic, lose your enthusiasm and positive attitude, and cause you to soon expect the worst of any situation. Inspirational speaker Harry Jones puts it this way « being exposed to it in heavy doses can take its toll. It can cause you to become a cynic, lose your enthusiasm and positive attitude, and cause you to soon expect the worst of any situation ».

Being activist means going against the wave almost all the time. And you sure receive lashes each time you stand against a wave. And young persons involved in development work, especially around Africa are often tempted to see things only in terms of « what is going wrong and what has not gone right» Given that, that is one way of seeing things, this month, we invite you to choose the other way. When you are blessed with a new day, face it with positive expectation. Take it like you would a blank sheet of paper. It is all yours to decide what you put on it.

To help the month in grand style, here are five motivational quotes from my special selection

*The man who believes he can do something is probably right, and so is the man who believes he can't! - Anonymous*

*It's not what you are that holds you back; it's what you think you are not. - Denis Waitley, author*

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**EDITORIAL (cont)**

*Fall seven times, stand up eight.* - Japanese Proverb

*Failure can be divided into those who thought and never did and into those who did and never thought.* - Rev. W.A. Nance

*Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed.* - Michael Pritchard ■

**POCHI TAMBA, CEO , NAYD International**

**NAYD MEMBERS****The Role of Youth in Managing Food Scarcity**

**A**s we advocate for youth empowerment I will suggest a clear path that Kenya can reduce food scarcity and also other countries Through a range of measures aimed at especially the small scale farmers including subsidies, we can generate enough food for today and tomorrow hence not only protecting our lands by frequent tillage but also keeping our environment safe for future generations Food security for Kenya lies in the hands of small scale enterprises. This is not to suggest that large scale producers are not important. But it is much easier to manage the enterprises. For arguments sake we assume the 10 million at risk of starving are grown up productive individuals. If they are provided with right seeds, fertiliser subsidy, advised on planting and is followed up to ensure quality control for only one hectare of land. I understand a well professionally managed hectare (2.5 acres) can produce up to one hundred 90 kg bags of maize. We are talking about one billion bags (10m farmers at 100 bags) of maize from 10 million hectares of arable land only. A one billion bag contribution from small enterprises only. So, why are we still hungry with a bowl in hand? We lack an entrepreneurial approach to government policy. For instance what acreage is under maize production and what is the unit output as we talk today. What size of acreage and average output is desirable for our food sufficiency? How can this be achieved so that we can even put some food (surplus) on other countries bowls? Subsidies as far as farm inputs are concerned are very crucial both in the short and long term. In the short term farmers must be provided with seeds and fertilizers. Right now the concern of the farmer is how to put food on the table. Planting seeds are far in terms of priorities, yet we are heading into most productive season of long rains. Therefore, as the government works on relief food programme, the current disaster can be positively used to rally millions of Kenyans into productive farming. Not all small scale farmers shall be able to mechanize operations. Appropriate technology affordable to many should be promoted by, for example, acquiring simple irrigation pumps and hay-making machines. A culture of water harvesting and irrigation would succeed in

putting more acreage under food production. It is shameful that areas that suffer floods are also among the first to face starvation. For long term solution, the country should protect forests so that rivers can continue to flow. This means that the government must come up with a firm decision on protecting the Mau Forest. ■

**Globalization and Globality**

**I**t will be in interest of all to rethink about this good word and its practices-Globalization There are many advantages that globalization has brought to mankind

**First Business** - there have been shared ideas in business skills, movement of goods and services from one place to another from USA to Japan to Kenya etc Currently you do not need to establish a cloth making factory in Kenya, for you to dress you can just import new ready made from Dubai, Europe even USA and there you are putting on Hilfinger Jeans

**Second** As Kenyans we can feel the benefit of globalization in Telecoms like Ericson and Siemens are doing major works through Telkom Kenya in infrastructure developments. I can talk to my pals wherever they are just at touch of button using my wonderful Sagem Phone - no need of Telephone Operator to guide me on how to talk

**Third Education** with online universities - I do not need to attend classes in person but can pay online to study even via Video Conference System

**Fourth Doctors and Nurses** need not worry about catching up with new and latest developments in health world as can do so through phone-links

**Fifth Roads** - you do not have to worry about who will make roads in your area via Globalization you can get Machinery from China, Funding from USA and Labour from China and brrrrr works is done here in Kenya like we have our Major Road from Mombasa to Nairobi being done by Chinese Companies

**Sixth Banking** - when you plan to establish your business you are not tied to source funds locally but you can do same from many parts of the world so I may say Globalization has done well in enhancing our lives but has cost us a lot in terms of countries instabilities. ■

**Gibson Amenia (NAYD-Kenya)**



## Youth Common Market

**T**his organization networks young people around the world on, fighting poverty diseases such as AIDS and environmental care.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We encourage young people to participate in both local and international trade.

Our member's benefits from each other through controlled fair trade. Members can buy products from different regions of their country at a fair sale through the common market or from other countries within the agreed trade blocks.

### HEALTH

We empower young people on the way to live a healthy life I.e. physical, Social, Interracial, Mental. We also encourage all young people to eat well, do exercises, and stay safe from diseases such as HIV/AIDS, being instrumental in the society, and living peacefully with everyone and positive thinking

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** With the global warming, we are encouraging all young people to participate in saving our planet. We need to create a peaceful and safe place for generations to come. We ask all youths to do everything possible from all part of the world to save and conserve the environment.

**OUR STATUS:** At youth common market we currently have 28,000 members from different parts of the world. In total, we have 2013 projects from different programmes

**REGISTER:** We encourage people to register as a group of 15 and above, in order to come up with common activities on

- Entrepreneurship
- Health.
- Environment.

NB: Interested individuals are asked first to register with their groups before registering with us.

**BENEFITS:** By becoming a member, you benefit from networking with many like minded young people from different parts of the world. You discuss on ways forward to meet set goals and lastly you can easily trade through our monitored fair trade. N.B we observe the set regional trade blocks i.e. AGOA, EU, ECOWAS, COMESA etc.

We also give advice on what product is allowed to be trade between different countries.

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## MAYA Initiatives International Scholarship Scheme 2008/2009 report

**M**I International is pleased to make public that the 209 edition of the MI Scholarship scheme was successfully carried out in January 2009, with 8 students benefiting from the scholarship this year.

The Beneficiaries are named below. It should be noted that this year, four students additional help for diverse reasons. Three of the students, i.e. Mitcho Hysen, Mitcho Clovis and Tatang Jackson are in examination classes and needed more money to register for the GCE O' and A' Levels. One of them, Nkwanui Ernest is getting the MI Coordinator's special encouragement for his hardwork and focus in class work. The students are

### 1. Ganje Solange,

*"My mother's old age makes it difficult for her to take responsibility for me. She has a lot of difficulties providing for my books, school fees, uniforms and even food in the house. I have to love around to beg from my friends"*

### 2. Tangunu Clement

*"I try myself to pay my school fees from class two and even repeated class three because I could not pay the fees, then I dropped out in class five to work some money to pay my fees"*

### 3. Nkwanui Ernest

*"My mother struggled without resting to make sure that we go to school. Presently, she cannot still do as she did because my brothers and sisters are all needing school fees, books, uniforms, etc"*

### 4. Tangunu Emmanuel

*"I sponsored myself from primary school to form three where friends and the Church helped me. I will use this scholarship to pay for my PTA levy and buy textbooks"*

### 5. Shawu Mbankei

*"I have paid my school fees for this year out of hard work, but I still owe PTA levy. I have not been bought my textbooks for compulsory subjects"*

### 6. Tatang Jackson

*"All my kinsmen have not been to schools they lack education. I do odd jobs to provide some of my school needs"*

### 7. Mitcho Clovis

*"I have always done little jobs to raise part of my school needs. But now, things are more difficult because I have to register for the GCE O' Levy"*

### 8. Mitcho Hysen

*"My father has so many children going to college and this year, two of us are in examination classes"*

All are students of the Government High School Bambalang, in the North West Region of Cameroon.

The MI Scholarship scheme is a project run by MI to provide support for very bright orphans affected by severe poverty in remote areas. The aim of the project is to give any bright child a chance to stay in school and work towards a better future for him/herself. This is the second edition. Before this, MI was focused on giving material support such as cloths, shoes and food to orphanages.

MI is also working together with other Youth-Led programs in Cameroon to boost a Peer Education Program it has been working on for the past months.

You can know more about MI projects, past, present and future ones by writing directly to the Coordinator through [pochitamba@nayd.org](mailto:pochitamba@nayd.org). ■ **POCHI TAMBA (Coordinator MAYA Initiatives International)**

## WHY I JOINED NAYD

**Name: Michel Kouvahe**

Organisation: APECTA

Country: Lome – Togo

Development Interests: Through NAYD and my NGO 'APECTA (Action pour la Promotion de l'Education, de la Communication et du Tourisme en Afrique)', I would like to gather young people so that we can fight together to promote global education and communication for the development in Africa.

**Name: Cecil S. Nutakor**

Organisation: Equinox Intercom Limited

Country: Accra, Ghana

Development Interests: I strongly believe I have something to offer the African people. I have no doubt in my mind that free access to educational materials for the first, second and tertiary cycle institutions in Africa will be a good starting point to help change Africa. I want to partner with NAYD to provide an online learning service attached to the NAYD website to provide free educational content that will be supplied by African scholars across the globe. My company Equinox Intercom Limited based in Ghana provide electronic and distance learning services to academic institutions and corporate organizations in Ghana. Thanks, Cecil S. Nutakor

**Name : Thomas Juló Barlue**

Organisation: African Child Peace Initiative Inc

Country: Monrovia

Development Interests: As a war victim and traditional African, it had been my desire to join all good hands trying to effect the change we all want to see in the region, for ourselves today and for the generation to come after. This wish has

moved me towards humanitarian work, child and youth advocacy, while still a refugee in Ghana and for the past three years I return back home. The struggles continue, the name of the network bought my interest, the agenda, I believe we can all work toward to lift our continent and the world together.

<http://profiles.takingitglobal.org/teeman>

**Name: DJENDO MAZIA SUZANE LEONIE**

Organisation: YOUTH FOR EQUALITY

Country: CAMEROON

Development Interests: I LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOUTHS AND I WANT TO JOIN THE NUMEROUS YOUTHS OUT THERE TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD.

**Name: Stanley Wakibia**

Organisation: Christian Youth Enterprise Service

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: To be part of the generation to change Africa be a destination everybody want to live

**Name: Edward Malanga Mwinga**

Organisation: None

Country: Mombassa, Kenya

Development Interests: I want to participate in any youth organisation in Africa not only is it my homeland, but also a place that I believe requires we Youths to change and make developments. I think that if all Youths from around this continent, Africa give the very best of their participation in such organizations, and then we will be able to make a difference. I hope my application will be accepted and it's all about "Yes We Can". Can't we? ■

### WISDOM CORNER!

"To teach man to fish is better than giving fishes progressively".

**Christian Tabifor**

### IN THE NEXT EDITION

In the twenty-second edition of INSPIRE you'll find the following topics and issues amongst others

- More and more news on how African youths are impacting changes in the lives of people all over Africa.
- Events, Opportunities and Resources.

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### What is NAYD?

NAYD is the Network of African youths for Development .It began in 2006 and today involves close to 40 youth-led projects in about 20 African countries.

### How can you join NA YD?

You are welcome to join NAYD and support the activities of its members. Write to [nayd2007@yahoo.com](mailto:nayd2007@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Have something to say!** Great! Write to us at the above mentioned email and we shall put your article on the newsletter. We invite you to tell the world through our **INSPIRE**: whatever you want to share on development. Are you part of an organisation helping people to be positive? Are you dreaming of a better Africa? Join us and make your voice heard. Send us a mail. Specifically, the objectives NAYD as outlined in its constitution are:

- ☐ To promote and encourage the work done by young ● Africans in effecting positive change on the continent. ● To facilitate exchange between youths involved in development, by creating a network of exchange. ☐ ☐ To further the networks formed by and for young Africans for the development of the continent. ● To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Africans internationally and provide them with leadership skills to take action against poverty. To achieve its vision, NAYD works with associations and groups of youths across the African continent and beyond to educate, inform and inspire others to use their power, privilege, skills and abilities to create a better world for current and future generations.

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