The life of Hamad

Trust is foundation of everything we do. For it thrive, individuals and communities must be honest with one another. My own tradition teaches that we must approach life with the right intentions, and have carried that wisdom with me thought my journey

I was fortunate to be born in Tanzania, a land stunning lakes, rich wildlife and diverse culture. Growing up in a family setting, I witnessed both the beauty and challenges of our culture one that continues to evolve and thrive. While none of us choose where we are born, living in a peaceful country in Africa has been a great blessing for me.

I began my primary education in Princess gate, a school that, despite its name was mixed often mistaken for a girl's school. Afterwards, I completed my A levels at AHMES. After graduation, I realized I did not fully understand the world I was living in. A strong desire ignited in me to explore more and gain a deeper understanding of how the world worked. This desire led me to consider studying abroad.

I applied to various universities across the globe, including the United States but was advised that some of these places might not be as safe as I hoped. A close friend living in Finland told me about the countries excellent education system, its renowned universities, and its reputation as one of the safest places to study. Encouraged, I applied to a university of applied science in Finland, with a stroke of good fortune was accepted.

Growing up in the 90s in Africa the world around me was changing rapidly. I had always been fascinated by computers but never fully explored them. Since I was accepted into my degree program in Finland dived into my study wholeheartedly. in 2019 with a big smile and sense of accomplishment I graduated.

I planned to return home but life had other plans the pandemic hit the world. I found myself staying in Finland longer than expected. Like so many immigrants of Africa origin who haven’t yet mastered the language the only job I could find was in the cleaning sector. Surprisingly the experience become invaluable. while cleaning factories and warehouses, I gained insights into how the culture and how people conduct themselves at work. I understood deeper on how the country operates and had the chance to separate from propaganda and what is real.

As time passed, I realized it was time for a change. I set new goals, learning the language and pursuing a degree in computer programming. I applied at Centria and once again life presented me with a new opportunity.

Some might say that not learning the language earlier was a mistake, but I see every decision as crucial part of the journey. I see life as a man walking in a bridge every step, we take either bad or good moves us forward.

Today I find myself doing what I love. Learning both language, culture and information technology with the right intentions, not for fame or acceptance from the people but for personal growth and appreciation for the people and their way of life.

I have learned to embrace discomfort and see it as a gateway to growth. Going back to my comfort zone in Africa would not have allowed me to become the person I am today and for that I am grateful.