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“Challenges are what make life interesting, overcoming them makes life meaningful”!

I write this Journal as a testimony and record of my activities for the 2013 Global Enterprise Experience event. The experience has been emotional, tough and inspiring. Three (3) weeks looks like a small time but on a worthy project, it is a lot of meaningful time. At the beginning of GEEBIZ I started with a lot of hope, preparations and aspirations. I have been waiting for Deb's email to connect with our team, build our idea together and make friends beyond GEEBIZ. Just after the email landed – challenges unleashed themselves on me like an avalanche.

I lost access to the internet, the network was so poor in my area that I was terribly unable to communicate – I had to travel to a different town where I had a friend – Chinedu so I can have access to good internet for online communication with our team – for the first time I travelled 322km for 4 hours for my team – Thanks to the empathic understanding of my leader, Guy, my sacrifice paid off! I was successfully able to contribute my quota to the team and best of all I deeply appreciate my leader – Guy for being such an outstanding, up-to-do and compassionate leader.

For me, the 2013 Global Enterprise Experience is a worthwhile experience that I will always cherish and share whenever I need to inspire other youths. Our team had members from other countries so this offered me a chance to learn about their nations and I got really excited about working with an international team.

My biggest lesson from the Global Enterprise Experience is this, “No one losses by listening but everyone gains by listening. Listening is a far greater leadership/team skill than speaking. And by listening to understand other team members, they become open and receptive to listening to your ideas”

With a sincere heart, I am deeply grateful to my team members, our team leader, organizers and sponsors of GEEBIZ for this awesome and practical leadership and business experience. Thank you so much