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1. How has INT Transformed you?

INT is a training of minds, a changing of ideas, a transformation of people into “No-Excuse Leaders”. It is a kind of battle field that you will never forget and through the entire course, it becomes apparent that this was a journey started with a much bigger mandate than myself. I journeyed on a path chosen and defined, led by the Spirit of God. As *Proverbs 16:9 (AMP) says; “A man’s mind plans his way, [as he journeys through life], But the Lord directs his steps and establishes them.”* I realize I am part of a bigger plan, defined by the people I met, the things I learnt, the things I saw and heard. My transformation through INT came with the grounded understanding of putting first things first. I was reminded what it means to be a person of value; the role of the church in national transformation and our mandate as sons of God in Nation building. I have come to embrace and now hold a burning desire for transformation of our Nation Uganda and Africa with lessons built on Godly foundations and principles.

2. What are the key transformations in your area of passion?

When you compare African nations, the challenges we grapple with are simi-

lar centering round – food, education, health, infrastructure, leadership and governance. My personal INT project is focusing on providing innovative sustainable agricultural solutions that contribute towards increased productivity, access to market and access to finance, whilst expanding and growing the use of digital platforms as vehicles for reducing market inefficiencies.

3. What are the impacts of these transformations?

Impact from the above project is through the following areas;

- Farmers are profiled and provided with digital identification enabling traceability and sustainable engagement with farmers;
- Youth engaged into gainful employment and women in additional employment leading to improved household incomes;
- 30% increase in revenue through introduction of improved variety of agricultural inputs - seed, fertilizers, pesticides and use of mechanization;
- Facilitate access to financing to rural households in the agricultural sector untended to by traditional financial providers
- Capacity building through agronomy and financial literacy train-

ing programs. Farmers are skilled to use the IT platform to access agro-inputs, advisory and market information.

4. What is your favorite book?

“Becoming” Michelle Obama. Becoming is the memoir of former United States First Lady Michelle Obama published in 2018. Why I like this book is that Michelle has become many things to many people. She was the student who saw dreams come to pass. She was the voice of health care and health systems. She was a voice of hope and confidence to youth, women and men. She was a voice of fashion with her easy and beautiful style sense. A mother, a friend, resilient, intelligent and wise, a lady who sat in the board rooms of large corporate bodies, at school assemblies of kindergartens, graduation ceremonies, dined with the movie stars, sat in offices of presidents and in her own right impacted the world far beyond being just the United States First Lady.

5. What was your favorite INT book?

“Churchshift” by Sunday Adelaja. This was for me the perfect alignment of church and the world. It broke those walls that we had seen for a long time built around church and how the church related with the world – there was a dis-

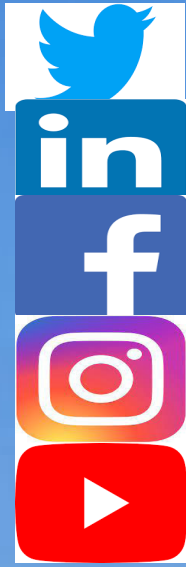
connect. Often times we underestimate the power and effect the church has and the ability to cause political change, which Sunday helped to bring to light – the church has the advantage of the power in numbers, I saw it in action in his book. I was at a place where certain pieces of my spiritual journey and career were not yet clear. He broke those walls of church, I quote; *“The emphasis of the churches were not in how much work or home keeping is done in the four walls of the church itself, they rather told the Protestants to go prove their love to God at their work places through the quality of their works.”* I am able to see my work as ministry and that places a far larger mandate upon me than just earning a living.

6. How is your INT project going?

There have been lots of lessons learnt, successes and challenges. When you are dealing with human beings, your project on paper may not be as what is on the ground. I am encouraged by the progress made thus far for this project which started in 2021. We have reached out to farmers and profiled thousands of them providing them with a digital identity. Farmers are excited about the improved high yielding seed varieties and mechanization. The seed of course comes at a slightly more than the lower quality substitutes on the market, which therefore

required a lot of buy-in and sensitization of farmers for acceptance. Financial literacy training was started amongst a few farmer groups. We see the need to further capacity development both in agronomy and continued financial literacy training. During the month of March–April 2022, we will be piloting (providing seed, mechanization, market through off-takers) with some farmers that have completed documentation required to enable them access finance.

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