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First I would like to thank the organizers of the GGE for this wonderful opportunity. I never experienced something like it.

I had never interacted with foreigners in my life before. It all went pretty well in my team. Most team members were crucial at the time of providing ideas and suggestions. There were some leaders that gave the main idea for the project and carried it on. Well I was one of them, jeje. I didn't expect to have to lead the project though. I saw the necessity when I felt we were going to slow and days passed by without any real suggestions. Our team leader Daniel from New Zealand was the organizer of everything. He got ideas on to place and motivated the team to discuss the different stages, divided mainly into product research (which I carried on) and marketing which he coordinated with most of the team members. Yvonne from Kenya was also fundamental in getting to know African culture to use it as an inspiration on our product. I also suggested a lot of our product relations with some South American countries. Our knowledge from the different parts of the world really influenced the project outcome. Instead of focusing on our differences and how this could be a conflict we used the different viewpoints to get a broader view of the world. The world is round not flat, and we should look at it from a point that we can grasp it all. So we went to the moon... jeje! Just kidding.

I thought we would have more arguments than we did. The product idea was accepted quickly because it was the best idea ever! and things got under way. At one point we divided into research and marketing on the project. Like it was I who was taking the project lead I usually asked people to research about something depending on the capabilities and participation I had sensed in that person. I really trusted Daniel from New Zealand. Yvonne was also very important in making suggestions to improve some aspects of our product. One thing I learned of being a leader, you work 10 times as much and enjoy it 10 times more.

The idea of glowing flowers is more than an illusion. Soon someone with the wits will carry on the idea and revolutionize the world. Mother Nature and technology will marry in the next century or kill each other. Just give me the chance to participate next year and I'll give you Tree Buildings. Buildings with the shape of a little hill or pyramid (somewhat treelish) that are a park on the exterior and people live inside just like hobbits in Lord Of The Rings... but that's for another time.

Thank you very much for giving my imagination a chance of playing in the material world. It now has more confidence to shape the future, I know it will. And a thousand thanks to my fellow team members... "Let there be light! And Leonora did."