

Personal Profile

Richard Smart has been making that connection through his significant and visionary work in Uganda. Few would argue that poverty, and inequality stand against God's ideal for humanity, but it is through work and enterprise that such realities are often most effectively and sustainably addressed.

Richard speaks with notable passion of the difference that a modest ethical business loan can make in developing nations like Uganda. Enabling a local farmer to buy 100 chickens, or providing enough for an engineer to purchase the steel to make a batch of water towers, not only provides a reasonable return for the initial investor, but can transform the life of a family or even a community for good.

Richard and his team have already made a significant impact in several local communities, but he sees his work as only just beginning. His enthusiasm is virtually uncontainable as he speaks of the potential impact even a modest cohort of investors followed his lead. This is a situation where the fields are quite literally white unto harvest, but the labourers are not in short supply if only the resources they need can be placed in their hands.

Richard has been travelling regularly to Uganda since 2002. He has a wife and two grown up children.

Photos for Smart Projects



The chicks for Martha's project



Construction of a chicken house



Richard in a home in Uganda



Richard brings toys and games to Uganda to give the youth the opportunity to try something new and learn to be innovative and creative.



Richard goes to churches deep in villages to teach God's Word.



People in the church listening to Richard



People look for opportunities to earn an income. Outside this church, people bake bricks.



A motorcycle is a common way of travelling from a town to a village. Richard teaches deep in villages where he sees poverty at the grass roots.



Richard enjoying lunch in the village.