

Imagining Tomorrow: Alternate Energy Futures™

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My name is Tumpale Ngwira and I am a senior at Northfield Mount Hermon.

When not away at school I live in Geneva, Switzerland. Switzerland is a rich and beautiful country with great resources. It is known for being economically friendly as well as having a clean environment.

I have been lucky to be living there for the past seven years, and because of this, environmental issues were never something I worried about. I even took for granted that NMH has an excellent recycling system and did not realize that we were part of a small percentage to have this luxury. I have to admit that I finally realized that our earth was in trouble when over the course of this term in environmental studies, news about gas prices rising, and global warming were coincidentally making the headlines more frequently.

What bothered me the most was reading about how much we waste, and how our waste lowers the quality of life for someone else on the other side of the world. Saving our planet will be a challenge, but it is without a doubt a struggle worth fighting for, and that is why I was inspired to write this short story.