



The other day in my internet browsing I ran across an article entitled, "Nineteen Things All High School Students Should Know." Of course, with the economy being bad, most of the facts were focused on the financial burden of getting a college education— no surprise there. I think most Americans are aware of the fact that the cost of college education has gone up dramatically in the past decade. However, the reason I really found this article relevant is because it discussed the reality of college graduates that refuse to think outside of the box. The article pointed out obvious facts; such as, that after college you will probably end up working a crappy job before you get a good one. And who can disagree with that? My first job was as an assistant manager, at the now bankrupt grocery store, Winn Dixie, and trust me it was not glamorous. It also brought home some cold hard facts though. The article stated that 365,000 cashiers have college degrees, 317,000 waiters and waitresses have college degrees and currently there more than 100,000 janitors that have college degrees. These seem like relatively low numbers, until you realize you are one of the statistics. After all, I once knew a law school graduate working at Starbucks.

These statistics, though, are the exact reason that I chose to build my life outside of the country. You see, life in America is good. We have free education, reliable water and power systems, a stable democracy, and many other benefits. However, the numbers of opportunities are

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undoubtedly shrinking. It doesn't mean that there isn't still opportunity to become successful in the United States; it just means that fewer people will actually reach their goal of success. So what do you do?

Well, if you are smart, you start looking for other opportunities. And moving outside of the United States is definitely more of a viable option than people think. After all, technology has prepared us for this very point in time. Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, they all provide virtual platforms for you to network with anyone in the world who has interests similar to yours.

Living outside of the country, from my experience, can turn your life from good to great; especially if you are willing to work hard and are adaptable to change. For the financially savvy, living outside of the country, will undoubtedly not only help you create a better life for yourself, but future generations as well. After all, if you look back at American moguls most of them made of their money during the industrial revolution. And, of course, America has passed it Industrial Revolution, but many other places have not.

So whether you move to Australia, Sri Lanka or Ghana the opportunities that you can find living abroad definitely surpass those opportunities on the home front. After all, who wants to be 30-plus living at home in your parents basement when you can have your own house with house help on the opposite side of the world— definitely not me. Plus, overseas, the dreams you dare to dream, really do come true.