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Welcome to our vision, a world where all have access to sanitation and potable water, where all children are able to learn in well built classrooms, where families no longer suffer from disease, starvation and poverty, where renewable energy has replaced fossil fuels, and engineers are part of the solution!

As you are aware, there is an awakening amongst young people to serve humanity. They want to eradicate poverty and hunger and facilitate sustainable development, appropriate technology, and social change. At the University of South Florida, we have personal and professional goals to nurture and educate young people to value and implement our vision of a better world.

We are a group of engineers who want to effect social change but work closely with faculty and students in public health, anthropology, geography, policy, geology, biology, and planning. Many of us are faculty, but most are energized students who have combined their graduate and/or undergraduate education with service, education, research, and importantly, the creation of knowledge that benefits the most vulnerable members of humanity in meeting their basic needs for sustainable water, sanitation, hygiene, shelter, food, mobility, waste disposal, energy, income, education, and equality.

One goal of USF's Strategic Plan is to "expand local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen and sustain healthy communities and to improve the quality of life." This is also a goal of our Peace Corps Master's International Program. I encourage you to learn more and let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Mihelcic".

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