

Riverside Man Has Cool Idea

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You've heard of making the most of your opportunity. Well Chema Ude, a 38-year-old Nigerian born California implant, has taken those words to heart and discovered a new way of life after spending a year and a half in a Ghana based refugee camp.

Originally from Umudike, a sparsely populated village in eastern Nigeria, Ude fled to escape the ravages of war. The Biafran tribe tried unsuccessfully to cede from the sovereign state of Nigeria in the mid 60's. What resulted was a bloodbath of enormous proportions.

After reuniting his family who were separated in the war, Ude packed what little he possessed and moved to the U.S. in 1970, searching for a better life.

"European nations were much more involved in our war than the U.S. so I decided to live in a neutral country," said the thoughtful Ude. After 14 years in America Ude has earned a master's degree in Urban Planning from Pepperdine University in addition to successful interests in journalism, poetry, and his forte', the field of invention.

Ude's highly imaginative mind has enabled him to come up with inventions ranging from modified toothbrushes to his most recent idea, on record with the International Patent Office, and pending here in the U.S., the Extend-A-Sill.

Ude conceived the notion in the sweltering heat of California's blistering summer nights. Nights when the temperature rarely drops low enough to allow residents without air conditioning to sleep comfortably.

Rather than spend \$4500 on a complete central air conditioning unit, Ude used brainpower to come up with a way to hold a fan close enough to the window and utilize the cooler outside breezes and circulate them through the house. After three days of simplification, modification, and hard work, Ude came up with an invention he felt would do the job.

The Extend-A-Sill project worked out beyond his highest expectations. Within a few months, Ude had the bugs worked out and went to work attempting to market his idea.

The simplest ideas are often the ones that appeal universally to all consumers. With Ude's practical device, even the most non-mechanical mind will have no trouble understanding how the sill attaches to windows; all sizes and all shapes. If you can use a screwdriver you can assemble this device. According to Ude, "It works on the laws of pressure and gravity and the most basic laws of physics."

This son of a self-taught welder displays the imagination of a DaVinci in his efforts to initiate new ideas and implement change. "I never looked at myself as an inventor," said Ude, "but after having my invention patented I guess I can't look at it any other way."

A patent attorney usually costs at minimum price around \$5000, so like everything else, Ude did the legal paperwork himself. He went to the library, picked up "How To" books, and went through the complicated legal process himself. "Filling out all the papers and going through the red tape myself was harder than inventing the product," laughed Ude.

Whatever the outcome of this project, it will in no way hinder the growth and development of his next idea, whatever that turns out to be!

Extend-A-Sill is not yet available at retail outlets in Southern California but wholesale information is available at the following address: C.E. International, P.O. Box, 4111, Riverside Ca., 92514.