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Warm gratitude to all those who attended the celebration event on June 2nd.

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*We also appreciate those who were not able to attend & were there in spirit.

ABSOLUTE PEACE
By Starr Daily

This is the day to walk softly and speak softly, turning away wrath with gentleness.

Deep within us is a place of absolute calm; of unmodified silence, unqualified peace.

At the center of every storm is this place of absolute peace.

Deep in the ocean is this place of peace, which no typhoon can disturb, which can be reached by no raging storms on the surface, and which remains unaltered through all the turmoil of nature.

So it is with us.

In our deepest heart is a place where absolute peace holds sway. This is the peace of Christ.

It is not of the world. And nothing the world can do will enter in to disturb this calm.

From "Well-Springs of Immortality" by Starr Daily

(Formerly one of America’s worst criminals who became an outstanding CFO leader. Del spent time with him in his home and it was always a rich, rich experience of deep, silent listening with expectancy.)

We believe in Spirit in Action’s powerful work!
We invite YOU to become part of this vital ministry.
As donors and recipients, we meet on the common ground of God’s love.
Please join the worldwide Spirit in Action fellowship of friendship, prayer & love.

Everyone can be a part of SIA—whether you contribute prayers or single or recurring (monthly) donations. At the request of one donor, we are now set up to receive donations of stock shares, which SIA will sell and use to fund our programs.

We can also work with you to remember SIA in your will, so that you can continue to serve others after you graduate into your next life. Please contact Tanya Thomas Cothran at the SIA office for more information about any of these joyous opportunities to join us!
An Interview with Del Anderson
By Marsha Johnson

How do you seek God in your life? I don’t seek God because God is the essence of my being. He/She is not someone way out there somewhere that I’m trying to find. God is my Be-ing, and I try to practice the presence of God just as much as I am able to at this point; to be the Is-ness right now. I am the expression of God, as each one of us is. We are a living expression and each one is different, just like a snowflake. What I’m really feeling is, in a sense, we are each individual expressions of God!

My quiet time before I go to sleep at night and when I awaken in the morning is a time of realizing my Oneness with God. God and I are One, over and over I affirm it because I want myself to realize that I am an expression of God. I take long periods of quiet in the morning and the evening, releasing my little self/my human self to my Divine Self.

The fullness of God is there waiting for me to express. We are divine spiritual beings.

How do you see God working in your life? As I practice the presence of God, I can give the things I’m concerned about to God. When I’ve really released them, then God brings forth the answers. Hardly a day goes by without finding something I’m concerned about. I ask God to help me leave it in God’s hands. Really leave it. Then, it’s handled in such a wonder-filled way. This process takes diligence and discipline. In other words, there are ups and downs, but keep on keeping on until you catch on!

What can each of us do to create peace in our world? To BE that peace and to LIVE as an expression of God. Peace in the world comes not by trying to change people, but by enlarging our view of God and seeing each and every person as an expression of God, every day and every moment.

Through Spirit in Action we serve people spiritually, physically, financially and socially, bringing forth a wholeness. That’s why many people through the years have become self-empowered and servers. We offer real encouragement in self-esteem, affirming that each person is very important. - Del Anderson

Spirit in Action Highlights
By Marsha Johnson

It is a great joy to be in contact with the BALAYIRO Women's Self Help Group in Butere, Kenya. This dynamic group of twenty faith-filled women joined together to cooperate toward specific objectives: welfare of the people, development within the community, and reducing poverty.

Together, last year, they planted an acre of different types of vegetables. Some of the seeds used were provided by Spirit in Action. The harvest was good, especially the Kentucky Bush Beans which provided a high yield and resistant to any plight. Seeds were saved to plant again this year.

Mrs. Makomere, the group's leader, reports:
Through blessings, the group managed to achieve Kshs. 16,000 (about $230 US dollars) from the proceeds, with which the following were bought:
- 3 sheep for rearing on the farm
- 10 new hoes for members to use
- 3 pairs of school uniforms for 3 orphans in the primary school
- 1 bicycle for a vendor of vegetables to use in supplying the vegetables to far away markets.

CONGRATULATIONS to the women of the Balayiro Women's Self Help Group!

At the request of this group, Spirit in Action has sent Leucaena tree seeds with complete instructions, and flower seeds. Mrs. Makomere writes, "Fresh flowers can be sold here, especially for wedding ceremonies and special occasions."

PRAYER NEEDS:
- 6 bicycles for "Boda Boda" transport
- 4 goats for rearing
- 1 camera for photos of group activities
- 1 additional acre of land for carrying on the activities of the group by planting trees, etc.
- Blankets for the orphans and poor old age within the community.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to network with this powerful group of prayerful women who everyday make a difference in their community.

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GRATITUDE FROM MARSHA JOHNSON

Many thanks to the Spirit in Action community. Thank you for your encouragement, your prayer support, and your financial contributions over the years. It was truly a joy and privilege for me to serve as the administrator of Spirit in Action from its inception in 1996 to its transition to Tanya Thomas Cothran’s leadership in the summer of 2007. My commitment to SIA is strong, and I will remain active and supportive as an advisory board member.

Our wonderful co-workers around the world are Spirit in Action’s heartbeat. How grateful I am for every letter, every email, every prayer, every soul opening to God’s fullness, every small business created, every grant request fulfilled, every self-help idea implemented, every tree planted, every garden growing, every classroom built, every child educated, and every blessing that God continues to bring through Spirit in Action.

At one hundred and one plus years, Del Anderson remains a gift and an inspiration to me and to so many around the world. The seed of Spirit in Action came through him and continues to grow under his prayerful guidance. Hallelujah!

Together, let us welcome Tanya Thomas Cothran as Spirit in Action’s new administrator. It is clear to me that it is God’s perfect timing and planning for Tanya to serve in this way. She is a woman of deep, loving Spirit, vitality, world consciousness, excellent organizational skills, and love of Spirit in Action’s ministry. Tanya grew up in Camps Farthest Out (CFO) and her grandfather, Jim Thomas, was a past president of CFO International as well as a founding board member of Spirit in Action. Tanya was a SIA board member for the past two-and-a-half years, and is excited about working together with you through Spirit in Action.

Yours in God’s fullness, Marsha Johnson

Spirit in Action Grant Updates

Kenya: Animal Feed Machine

The Spirit in Action Board has recently approved a grant proposal from Samuel Teimuge for an animal feed machine to assist with grinding feed for their zero-grazing animals. Zero-grazing techniques, where the animal is kept in a pen, are beneficial because it reduces the risk of animal disease, eases the impact of animals on the land and increases milk production. The machine, which is assembled and can be repaired in Eldoret, will reduce the amount of time and labor required to feed livestock. Samuel will use this machine at his training center and also rent it out to neighbors.

*We will receive pictures of this machine in action soon! Keep up-to-date by checking “SIA Latest Updates” on our website regularly! www.godsspiritinaction.org/news

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More Spirit in Action Highlights

Kenya: Solar Cookers

Solar cookers can be very beneficial and useful in sunny climates. They can cook meals using heat from the sun, reducing the need to search for and carry firewood long distances, and reducing the amount of smoke the women who are cooking inhale.

Camily Wedende, who has received a SIA grant to make, sell and train others to use solar cookers in Eldoret, Kenya reports that the weather has been VERY hot, which means they are able to use their solar cookers often! Camily says “we are promoting them (Solar Cookits) to our community and many like to use them during sunny days like now.”

Camily reports on the community members’ willingness to embrace this technology: “[It] was the wonderful demonstration in the community. Many people came to see and test the food. Seeing is believing!”

In addition to cooking food, solar cookers can also be used to sanitize water. Spirit in Action co-workers are researching to see how we can best work with communities to provide clean drinking water.

Democratic Republic of Congo: Jacob Lipandasi

Jacob (pictured above on far left) reports that 17 women and 5 children from 5 households participate directly in this the Women’s Garden Project. They are growing amaranth (leafy vegetable) and beans, which they share with orphans. Jacob reports: “Here we are Sharing the Gift, with new members [of Garden Impact] receiving seeds from the garden owners.” Since groups receive grants, rather than loans, they are encouraged to Share the Gift by contributing funds or materials to others in their community, who can then start their own businesses.

Reporting on another SIA-funded business group Jacob tells of a woman empowered through her business: A pastor’s wife from buying [and reselling] milk: “Now I am needed too.”

Uganda: Godfrey Matovu

Godfrey has sent some wonderful pictures of Small Business Groups #16-20. Pictured here is a family harvesting from their successful cabbage garden!

Visit our website for more photos.

Email any comments or questions about the SIA Newsletter to Tanya Cothran at spiritinaction@sbcglobal.net
A women’s Small Business group in the Democratic Republic of Congo prepare to sell food. (SIA Coordinator Benoit Malenge.)

Marsha Johnson (SIA Administrator for 11 years) with Marge Lucero at the June SIA Celebration.

Training of new Small Business groups in Malawi, with SIA Coordinator Canaan Gondwe.

Del Anderson with Dennis Johnson (SIA Board President) at the SIA Celebration.