A note from the SIA Coordinator:

It is such a pleasure and an honor to receive letters from so many of you around the world remembering Del Anderson and sharing your stories about the impact he had on your lives!

One of Del’s true blessings was how he could make each person feel good about themselves and honor the Christ Spirit within. Anyone who received letters from Del, with personal notes and carefully selected inspirational materials, can understand that Del very much advocated for the individual and their personal spiritual development. I think Del’s legacy can best be seen in the monumental difference he made in the lives of individuals around the world.

Del’s passion for serving people in developing countries included his belief that empowerment not only involves nurturing the spirit through prayer but also nurturing the body and mind through encouragement and support for business development, new skills, and ideas. This led to his creation of Spirit in Action as an avenue and foundation for each of us to be active participants in the global community and to give unconditional encouragement and support to those who most need it.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to continue Del’s work by helping others, listening to their problems and marveling at their solutions.

Together we pray for better lives, blessing the world through true dialog – across cultures, faith traditions, economic levels – each of us sharing from our current experiences and creating a framework of peace and prosperity and love for all.

Camilly Wedende (Kenya) shares about the progression toward change “which starts with individuals being changed, so that communities are changed. Yes, and communities are changed, countries are changed. As countries are changed, the world is changed. That is the kingdom of God within us in the process of expressing, manifesting and making visible God’s kingdom on earth.”

Del has graduated “with high honors” from this world into a higher potential. I ask you to join me in continuing Del’s legacy by sharing with others as he shared with each of us and believing that by working together peace will soon prevail on earth.

Peace,
Tanya Thomas Cothran

Ofonime Nkoko (Nigeria)
He did not think about himself but others. The phrase in his first letter to me says, “I am here to serve”. I keep on reminding myself of these word of encouragement: “You have a job to do in this world that only you can do, take courage and follow your heart. Be positive, with the help of God, everything is possible. We are called to be co-creators with God”.

Cecil Coilpillai (India)
Well done dear brother Del, you are in His presence, Praise be to God! Amen

Ntoro Nkanta (Nigeria)
I have never seen any one so great like him, he used to give us encouragement, I mean practical encouragement, he has helped us in the way we cannot express with words, but only God knows.

Samuel & Rhoda Tefumuge (Kenya)
Pamphlets he sent to us will go a long way in blessing many as I continue the work Del has left to me. These include;
- I am there.
- The prayer of protection.
- God has the solution.
- A prayer for quiet time.
- God’s plan.
- What is Reality?
- Silence.
- Letting Go.
- An egg does not hatch until 21 days.
- One mile begins with one yard. And many more.

Canaan Gondwe (Malawi)
I will live to remember Del for his outstanding performance with the help of God in translating his vision into action for the poor. He demonstrated his faith unswervingly and I personally saw a man after God’s own heart.
GOD’S REALITY
By Glenn Clark

Reality
In the eyes of the practical man
Is made up of cold, hard facts
And what are the cold, hard facts of life?
As we look about us
We see quarrels, bickerings, unhappiness
Unfaithfulness, treachery, covetousness
Materialism everywhere
These are the facts of life.

But what are facts:
Fact comes from
factum
(Latin)
Something we do or make
But reality is not what is
made,
But what eternally
is

Love is.
Quarrels are made.
Joy is.
Unhappiness is made.
Truth is.
Lies are made.
Loyalty is.
Betrayals are made.
Life is.
Sickness is made.

Jesus went through life seeing no quarrels,
No unhappiness, no lies, no sickness.
He looked through earth-made fact
and saw Eternal reality.

Looking through the lens
Of divine understanding
He saw men and women whole
Seeing them whole
He brought divine laws and forces
Into operation, and
Hard, ugly facts were dissolved by Reality.

This was His method
He bids us master it
Promising that the works that He did
We shall do also.

This is the last report Del gave to the SIA Board of Directors:

May 2008 - DEL’S REPORT: What is most valuable for me at this time in my life? It is the following: silence and meditation that I do at 6 p.m. after dinner. I lie down and exercise on my back, and I tune in. I try to feel my oneness, and I repeat over and over, “The activity of God is the only power at work in my heart, mind, life and feelings.” Then I’m really ready for sleep. In the morning I do the same thing but not so extensive. I read Seed Thoughts for Daily Meditation for that day, and then I get quiet. For breakfast I eat two leaves of seaweed with water and a banana. Afterward, I pray. I’ve made a pact with my friend Jessie Bano, who is 97. We are praying for one another until one of us makes our transition. I pray specifically for people but not for their problems. I realize that their problems are facts but not reality. I’m wanting the Board to read Glenn Clark’s God’s Reality.

“We have many copies of the pamphlet “Seed Thoughts for Daily Meditation”, which Del cherished daily for many years. Please email, write or call SIA for your free copy.

Del & Aileen Gillem on Del’s 102nd birthday in July 2008.

Del on grasping the meaning of life:

“Certain facts about a person’s life can be recorded in words. Yet, the deeper realities, those of the Soul and Spirit, are not easily verbalized. The values of life and the purpose of life escape us unless we keep ourselves aware that we are all blind until we see, and feel, and experience and practice. It needs to become an awareness, an experiencing and a realization that the purpose of life is wonder-filled. We discover our oneness with God and all of God’s creation. How does one describe God’s love and the gradual realization of being embraced and sustained by the great, invisible truth of this love for each one?”

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**Many more of Del’s thought-provoking writings and meditations can be found on our website at:
http://godsspiritinaction.org/delswritings.htm

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**SIA Small Business Fund Updates**

**Kenya**

Spirit in Action has a long history of supporting projects in Kenya. Our co-creators in Kenya have started training centers, community gardens and spread the news of solar cookers. Now, it is with great pleasure we introduce and welcome Dennis Kiprop of Eldoret as the newest SIA Small Business Fund (SBF) Coordinator!

Dennis learned about SIA through his work at the Ukweli Training Center with Samuel and Rhoda Teimuge (long-time SIA friends). He graduated last spring with a baccalaureate degree in Business Management and is now coordinating 2 small business groups under the guidance of Rhoda Teimuge.

Dennis reports: "I am as well extremely overwhelmed with joy to see the two groups responding with great humility and want to learn more and grow. It is a show that God’s spirit is already operating in them!"

**Democratic Republic of Congo/Rwanda**

New SIA small businesses continue to thrive with our Coordinators in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. Some of the new businesses include, selling Minnows, weaving mats, knitting and growing Cassava. Though our coordinators are beginning to see refugees from recent DRC violence, so far all are safe. We continue to pray for God’s protection.

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**Spirit in Action Highlights**

Spirit in Action has received a generous donation of seeds from Thomsen’s Garden Center in Alameda, CA. Our amazing Office Angels in the Alameda SIA office have sent several seed packets to each of our SIA contacts around the world (over 300 names and addresses that Del collected in his travels and through many years of correspondence)! In addition we have sent large boxes of seeds to several people to distribute to others in their community. Tellie Amante (Philippines) reports that the seeds grew well in her family garden!

"With regards to the seeds you’ve been sending me - I just want to tell you that on our dinner table this evening, we had cucumber salad - product of the GIANT cucumber seeds you had sent us earlier this year! Everyone said WOW as to the size! Will tell you more next time."

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**Photos (clockwise from above):** Dennis Kiprop and a SBF family group (Andrew & Joyce Kiptoo and children) prepare land for a new potato crop; Tellie shows off the yellow, tasty pipinos from SIA seeds; Small business woman sells minnows in DRC; SIA Coordinator Benoit Malenge and a new business leader review the SIA SBF Training materials.

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**Did you know?!**

Contributing just $150 is enough to support a small business through the SIA Small Business Fund (SBF)! This is the perfect gift to let someone know you care. The joy of giving is amplified, as it will help a family in a developing country work to improve their lives. A card and SIA brochure will be mailed to the person/family being honored with your donation. Small Business grants are given in 2 installments and the groups are guided by a SIA on-site coordinator.

Thank you!
We gratefully acknowledge these donors who have contributed to Spirit in Action from May 1, 2008 to November 1, 2008.

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Small restaurant business in Malawi, started in 2006 through SIA SBF.

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I want to make a pledge totaling: $________. 
My first (monthly/quarterly/yearly) payment is to be made on:______________ .
My last (monthly/quarterly/yearly) payment is to be made on:______________ .

☐ I (we) wish to remain anonymous.

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Malawian small business leader, Mtwẹněi Mpumulo, sells maize at a local market. The group has been able to reinvest 75% of their profit back into the business, allowing them to buy more maize than before.

Community Gardener in Mumias, Kenya mulches cabbage plants, using the sustainable agriculture techniques he learned at Samuel Teimage’s Ukweli Training Centre in Eldoret.

This community, with the guidance of Pastor Pino Armstrong (a long-time correspondent with Del) has planted vegetables and trees to sell. The garden was successfully started in April with much community involvement and financial support in addition to a SIA Community Grant.

Do you have an old laptop lying around?? 

Consider donating it to SIA!

Many of our international SIA coordinators are interested in developing their technology skills, including computer repair and word processing.

If you have a used laptop with some life left in it to donate, contact SIA at: spiritinaction@sbcglobal.net or (612) 379-6042.

We will clear the memory and send it to someone who will greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

Small Business Fund (SBF) Training in Uganda (pictured left)

SIA coordinator Godfrey Matovu trains new business leaders before giving them the first $100 grant to start their business.

The training, which lasts 3 days, includes role playing, bookkeeping skills, prayer groups, communication workshops, and information about the SIA SBF program “Sharing the Gift”. This program encourages small business groups to extend the skills and benefits they have received to others by donating money, materials, seeds or skills to start a new small business. This community development is part of the sustainability of the SIA SBF.

Keep up-to-date between SIA Newsletters by checking our website blog “SIA Latest Updates” regularly!

www.godsspiritinaction.org/news
Excerpts from:
**SPIRITUALITY AND SERVICE**
By Del Anderson

*Being and then doing*

*Bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth*

*Making God visible*

I believe “The kingdom of God is within me,” and I need an inner life to learn and experience living from within, out. To be aware and consciously choose and act from an inner realization that the secret place of upon high is “Be still and know I am God,” requires a daily quiet time of contemplation, meditation and listening prayer. “Christ in you the hope of glory” (a realization of the God consciousness of freedom and empowerment) is experienced and realized through practicing the Presence of God, living from within to allow Spirit, God to express and manifest through us.

What a holy, sacred privilege to experience this awakened, new, personal, experiential, knowing relationship with our Creator and Sustainer. Yet, we are presently aware that unless we participate with God’s divine grace and let God express and manifest in and through us, we have not brought forth a sturdy bridge between our inner and outer lives.

In the past all too often we have equated spiritual health with acting and feeling good, failing to perceive that our daily unfolding process is to change, grow and trust God’s process. Dag Hammerskjold (former secretary general of the United Nations) said, “In our era, the road to holiness must pass through the world of action.”

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**Pictured left:** Del and Lucile at First CFO Day in Harare, Zimbabwe, July 29, 1974.

**Below:** Del and Lucile in 1982.