People like Canaan Gondwe in Malawi are the eyes and ears of SIA, so I listen carefully when they bring concerns and potential solutions to my attention.

Last year Canaan, who has been a SIA Small Business Fund Coordinator since 2004, told me that he saw a great need to help people in his rural village of Manyamula in northern Malawi save money and gain access to financial services. His vision was for a Savings and Loan group to help “our business groups and many other vulnerable people around us who can not afford big collaterals in financial institutions.”

After many email exchanges and revised proposals, Canaan and thirty-five other members have established the Manyamula Village Savings and Loans Group. They have elected group leaders, approved a constitution, opened a bank account, and registered with the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Group members have also donated land, brick and thatching for the chicken house.

A Spirit in Action Community Grant gave this group the resources to start a communal poultry farm. They will hold profits from the sale of chicken meat and eggs, as well as small membership dues and voluntary savings, in a loan fund. This centralized fund will help members stabilize their livelihoods by creating a safe place to save and to go for a small loan for emergencies, school fees or business investment. Together the group will decide who will receive loans and how much interest to charge.

Canaan, after meeting with the group, told me, “The biggest goal of the poultry and micro-loan project is to establish together a place which will be the powerhouse for spiritual, physical, emotional, social, economic and political (decision making) growth and development.”

What keeps Canaan working tirelessly to improve his community? “God implanted in me the spirit of serving. I am touched with needs and challenges that affect poor people around me. I most of time visit homes to chat and hear how they make life. I counsel many. Sometimes I was hoping to see quick changes but it never happened, so I had to wait patiently and continue praying and encouraging each other.”
Tanya’s Report

Deepak Chopra, the spiritual writer, says, “Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging.”

This perfectly expresses SIA’s mission of creating a world-wide network that empowers ourselves and others. This connection grew even stronger last year. You really came through, showing your support for SIA’s network! Your generous giving made it so we could continue working with our international partners and sending self-help materials and seeds overseas, in spite of the economic downturn.

All of us together, combining gifts large and small, prayers and expertise, can build the vibrant, effective network that Del envisioned almost 15 years ago. That’s why this year the SIA Board has put together an $10,000 Challenge Fund to match dollar-for-dollar your contributions between now and the end of 2010.

We hope you will join us again this year in giving to the work you believe in. You are also invited to join our international social network! Every Tuesday I post a new story on the SIA News page. Drop by www.godsspiritinaction.org/news for entries from Del’s journal, frequent updates from our grant recipients, and more pictures from the field. If you are on Facebook, won’t you let us know that you “Like” what we are doing and recommend us to your friends? Come join the global conversation with other SIA Fans and international partners!

As I pray daily, I ask myself...

Del Anderson, 2005

1. Can I do more in living out in my daily life the attitudes and the life teachings of my Savior, Jesus Christ? Am I becoming more "poor in spirit" and becoming more child-like in wonder, awe and openness to learn and change?

2. Am I daily being aware of how I can share more with others the forgiveness, peace, abundance, wholeness and caring love God is pouring upon me daily? Am I being God’s server and facilitator?

To quote Martin Luther King, "...imagine what the world will be like when we see God’s goodness etched in our enemies. The command to love one’s enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival."
From Dennis Kiprop:

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A Business Training Workshop with Dennis Kiprop & Samuel Teimuge

Last year alone, we awarded seventy-six SIA Small Business (SIA SBF) grants - each one representing at least three newly empowered group members! Before any funds are granted to the new businesses, SIA SBF Coordinators first deliver basic business and communications training, tapping into the members’ natural potential and giving them new skills.

I asked Dennis Kiprop in Ilula village, Kenya to describe what happens at his training workshops. To help guide the new entrepreneurs he uses the SIA SBF Guidelines and his knowledge from his Business classes at the university. This year Dennis asked Samuel and Rhoda Teimuge, two of SIA’s first grant recipients, to lend their leadership expertise.

**Left:** Dennis Kiprop tells the groups about Sharing the Gift, to spread the impact of SIA to their neighbors.

**Above:** Dennis and Jacky Buhoro (from DR Congo) get together to share ideas about a new irrigation system.

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A workshop at Samuel’s Ukweli Training Centre teaches reforestation techniques.

Don’t confuse us with other Spirit in Actions!

We are:

* Based in CA
* Founded by Del Anderson
* Working internationally

Paul Jaun: Leaving a Legacy

Paul Jaun is very special to Spirit in Action. He has supported our work from its inception and has made plans to continue to support our ministry even after his passing. Paul has named SIA in his will.

Paul was a professional beekeeper for over 60 years, working into his 80s. He continues to go each month to the Alameda County Bee-keepers meetings. He enjoys sharing his knowledge and meeting new people.

Paul is now 93 and lives with his sister who is 91. He met Del Anderson through Martha Copsey, a CFO attendee, about 45 years ago. At that time, Paul was distributing Bibles to pastors in Africa. He laughs when he says, "I use to pay more in postage than the Bibles would cost me because I didn’t know about mailing them bulk rate.”

Paul regularly visited Del in Alameda; he bought books for him and made contributions to the work Del was doing. Paul supports SIA, especially appreciating the development of small businesses. “When you like something, you finance it.”

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Paul, when asked to describe himself, responded, “I like to help poor people, I like to be helpful, and I’m against war.”

When I asked him what else he would like to say, he said, “Plead with the people to give the maximum they can.”

We at SIA are grateful for Paul Jaun, for his generosity, his love for others and for his support of SIA.

-- by Dave Gattey

Introducing the Del Anderson Legacy Circle!
Honoring those who contribute to the future of SIA.

This year, in anticipation of Spirit in Action’s 15th Anniversary, the SIA Board has established the Del Anderson Legacy Circle to honor those friends and supporters who make commitments to support the future of SIA. Your planned gift, whether you include SIA in your will or give on a monthly or quarterly basis can help us carry out Del’s dream by funding sustainable projects, like the Manyamula Village Savings and Loans Group in Malawi (see full story on page 1), that continue to expand and fund themselves long into the future.

Dreamer’s Circle

Support the work of SIA, empowering people around the world, one month, or one quarter, at a time. Become a member of the Dreamer’s Circle by choosing any amount you’d like to give each month. You can choose either to use your credit card through www.justgive.org (search for Spirit in Action California) or send us a check.

Founder’s Circle

No matter the size or form, we value your intention in leaving a legacy gift to ensure continued economic opportunities and meaningful relationships for those who are in need today and for future generations to come. One way to remember SIA in a will or living trust is setting up a charitable bequest. If you already have a will or living trust, you can amend your current will with the help of your adviser. Please let us know if you have already included SIA in your will or estate planning arrangements! We’d love to share our gratitude now and include you in the Founder’s Circle. We always honor requests to remain anonymous.

For more information, please contact Tanya Cothran at the SIA office: 831-227-1169, spiritinaction@sbcglobal.net, or write her at PO Box 3384 Santa Cruz, CA 95063.
Dear Friends, Del Anderson was my great uncle. It's hard to describe the essence of a person but I will try. I only knew Del after he had married my Great-Aunt Lucile.

This is significant because my memories of him are from when I was a young and developing person (the first 30 some years of my life), but he was over 60 and quite developed in his character and goals. It is also significant to me because I remember them as a pair; a pair of the most loving and kind people I have ever met.

When visiting we would spend the majority of our time in Del and Lucile’s comfortable but modest home in Alameda, CA. Their morning would start with spiritual readings followed by fruit yogurt smoothies and Malt-O-Meal for breakfast. Every day Del would spend time working. This included a volume of correspondence rivaling the White House. Del had an amazing memory and could share a story about any given person writing him. We would take walks or sit on the sofas or sit at the dining room table and talk. There are very few people who are interested or willing in taking that amount of time to be fully present with others and just share.

Inevitably the time I spent with them would cause me to ask questions about the world and my life. I would leave determined to be a better person. Lucile would build others up with her steadfast belief in what was possible and her certainty that all people have a direct connection to God; that if they listen too, they will be able to achieve great things. Del exuded this quiet confidence that was supportive and compassionate, and at least in me, drew out a desire to be more like him. I wanted to be a kinder, more compassionate person who made the lives of others better. Yet somehow in all of these conversations, not once did I feel like my life or that the person I was at that moment was inadequate. Being with them filled me up and made me more hopeful that I might one day or perhaps a little every day achieve a higher purpose.

This last point reminds me they never exerted that their opinions on God, religion, or spirituality were the “right” or “only” way to experience the spiritual. So when we talked they allowed for me to have my opinions about the spiritual and it never interfered. In a world with many questions there are some absolutes that hold people of different beliefs on the same path. Lucile would say, “You know when you are on the path.” I believe one can find the directions to the path by looking at their lives. Their example would tell me that the path can be found with the real absolutes, actions like loving, being kind, giving, thinking, working hard, caring, hoping, having faith and being fully present with others.

One thing I know for sure is that I was not unique in receiving their love. Every letter Del held up had a story of a wonderful person on a great journey through life. Each story held both a worthy main character and also potential for further accomplishment. Del always thought highly of someone who took it upon him or herself to see the raw material one has to use to hope for and create a better life for our communities. Lucile simply loved everybody because you were a person and deserved love.

I wonder what Del would think if he were to see us all today or what Lucile would say were she here beside me. I imagine Del would be impressed at the raw material we each have to work with to create our futures. Lucile would likely say, “I love you.”

May today bring you a moment of inspiration and a moment of love.
Sincerely, Elizabeth Nahl

* Lucile is now living in Chico. Her son, Rob Hanford, visits her regularly and reports that she appears to be happy and healthy. We remember her in our prayers, releasing her to God’s care.
**SIA Small Business Fund**

*See the difference training and $150 can make!*

Our *Sharing the Gift* initiative encourages successful groups to share the blessing they have received to help someone else. Gifts can be material or nonmaterial.

Here are some ways that groups in DR Congo have “shared the gift” recently:

- Gracia, a flour business, gives ration packs three times/week to community members;
- Faraja, a basket business, shared two liters of gasoline with their church.

*Sharing the Gift is a great success in Malawi:*

- In 2007 Winkly Mahowe’s family was given the gift of a piglet. From this one pig they have raised and sold 35 piglets. With the profit they bought 70 iron sheets to build a brand new tin house! Canaan Gondwe, SIA SBF Coordinator says, “This is the most exciting and clear transformation. It is not easy in Malawi for a less-privileged person to build a house.”

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![Pictured left (Uganda): Samuel Waiswa and his family proudly show off their new house!](image)

Through their successful brick-making business they were able to build a new house. They are very happy to trade their old house with a leaky thatched roof for a new home made out of brick with a tin roof.

**www.godsspiritinaction.org/news**

*Read the SIA blog for more SIA SBF stories!*

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**Appreciation from Ghana:**

“Honestly your emails are always inspiring and motivating me to keep doing the good works to the glory of God. We are doing our best with the help of the Spirit of God working in us to help others in our community. Thanks so much for praying for us. We shall be praying for you as well.”

- Alexander Kedje, Shape Lives Foundation

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**Pictured left (Uganda):** SIA Small Business Fund activities in Rwanda are bringing together people from different ethnic groups. The Hutu and Tutsi, who did not work together before, are here united by SIA activities at a common gathering.

**Pictured above:** This group produces boards for construction of houses, boats, and furniture. Their skills are much appreciated by the village of Kamembe in DRC. Their success has enabled them to better educate and feed their families.

**Facebook**

Name: Spirit in Action

Our Facebook page has recent photos from the field, relevant articles, & more!
Thank you!
We gratefully acknowledge those who have contributed April 1st - Oct. 15th, 2010.

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  __ $100 (initial small business grant)
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  __ Other $__________

*These amounts represent an estimate of the costs for SIA to provide the gift described. Each “gift” represents a contribution to the entire mission of SIA and funds are allocated to projects as decided by the SIA Board of Directors.

Remember, donations to Spirit in Action are tax deductible! Tax ID#93-12073

A special THANK YOU to Thomsen’s Garden Center in Alameda, CA for donating seeds to send overseas!

Pictured left:
Jean Kilabira (Uganda) makes pots to sell along the roadside. The business has allowed her family to prepare for the future.

You can now donate to SIA online through www.justgive.org
Search for “Spirit in Action California”
Make a one-time gift or set up monthly contributions.
We are so grateful for your support!
Owning God’s Abundance

From Camily Wedende in Kenya:
The writings of Del changed our lives so much. Del said, “THE WILL OF GOD IS ABUNDANCE, NOT WANT” and it is our responsibility to open ourselves to receive God’s abundance.

From “The Divine Plan” by Glenn Clark:
I believe that the gifts of God are many thousands of times greater than I am now capable of receiving, and that I should therefore pray to increase my capacity both to receive and to give, for my power to receive is as great as my power to give, and my power to give as to receive. Gifts of God always bring peace, contentment and joy, and therefore anything in which I find a natural harmony and peace and which does not interfere with anyone else’s natural expression of life belong to me, and any work for which I feel a natural call, by gift or inclination, is mine to do. When I am attuned to that which is mine I find no barrier in God’s Kingdom, hence I accept none.

Above: Gaudenziah Wedende shows off beans cooked in the solar oven.
Right: Oliver Tanui & his wife are grateful for their passion fruit farm in Kenya.