Please join us as we
Celebrate Spirit in Action
Around the World
San Francisco Bay Area Gathering

Honoring SIA’s
friends, donors, volunteers
and founder, Del Anderson
(Del and his wife, Lucile, plan to be present.)

Dessert/fruit/cheese buffet
Hosted by the Spirit in Action Board of Directors

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007
2PM to 4PM

Guest Speaker, SAMUEL TEIMUGE,
SIA co-worker from Eldoret, Kenya

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church
3534 Lakeshore Avenue
Oakland, CA

Please RSVP by May 17 to (415) 452-9245,
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We welcome Samuel Teimuge, of Eldoret, Kenya, as our guest speaker. Samuel is a prime example of being a "co-worker with God" that models the vision of Del Anderson and Spirit in Action. Encouraged and nurtured by many years of correspondence, prayer and undergirding with Del and Spirit in Action, Samuel has developed the Ukweli Training and Development Centre. Here, people from the nearby community, and groups from around Kenya and indeed from around the world, come to receive hands-on training in many aspects of sustainable farming, including bio-intensive gardening, fish-farming, raising animals, and solar cooking. Samuel is truly serving God by serving others.

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 and love.

Thus far, a major portion of Spirit in Action’s funding has come from a few individuals. At this point, this funding is no longer available. As a board, we feel that we need to ask your help in order to continue this vital work. We have funding in our account for approximately 1 ½ more years to serve at our current level of approximately $50,000 a year. We would appreciate your prayers and your financial support as we strive to continue this vital work. An envelope is enclosed for your use. Thank you and many blessings.

Celebrating SPIRIT IN ACTION’S eleven years of ministry

BRINGING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO
• individuals
• families
• communities

Carrying on the devoted and blessed work of Del Anderson, serving people throughout the world by providing:
• loving, encouraging, prayerful correspondence
• spiritual reading materials
• vegetable and tree seeds
• self-help project guidelines
• “seed” funds for beginning self-help projects

Providing SIA grants for larger community projects including:
• community gardens and training centers
• school classrooms
• dairy cows
• scholarships for students in need
• tree plantings
• solar cooking
• poultry raising
• training in sustainable agriculture techniques

Serving through the Spirit in Action Small Business Fund
• with eleven coordinators in Africa, India and the Philippines who carefully train and oversee all business groups
• providing $150 grants to families or small groups to begin their own businesses
• funding approximately 100 businesses per year
• enabling parents to provide nourishing food, school tuition and basic needs for their families
• business groups join together in prayer and cooperation, raising the quality of life for the entire community

An interview with Del Anderson (nearing

Newsletter, spring/summer 2007
What would you like to say to the newsletter readers?

I would hope that each one of us can more and more ‘let go and let God.’ I’m finding every day that there are changes I need to make in my consciousness. These are important changes because it’s fresh manna (or consciousness) day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. That’s what I’m aiming for. It’s a long ways off.

Tell me about the changes you are making.

It’s an unfolding. You see, I had this advantage. I knew I didn’t have skills and I know I didn’t deserve or earn all this. I’m learning that I of myself can do nothing.

I’m learning about not judging others. Scripture says, “Judge not, lest you be judged.” I have to be aware. I need to be aware that I DO judge. I can see where other people judge, but it’s not so easy to see where we ourselves judge.

I feel it’s very important for me to go to sleep at night with a conscious awareness, and in the ‘now’ of each day to let a consciousness unfold that’s going to make the day one of growth. Each person is unique and it’s a keeping on, keeping on, with an awareness, almost eagerness, to see what’s coming forth.

How can we have peace in our hearts as we prepare to graduate to the next life?

People are afraid of death as if it’s a final thing, when life always has been and always will be eternity. It’s true that I feel at peace, oh yes. Just let go and let God; let go and let God-consciousness take over. It means all day long I see the wonder and am grateful, grateful, grateful. Be grateful and change the consciousness step by step. It doesn’t mean that life gets easier, but it becomes more and more a willingness to change from a sense of difficulty to a sense of growing – unfolding. Through this gratitude and growth we FEEL God’s love, and that brings forth faith.

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:

Kenya: Report from the Ronos on the tomato greenhouse project:
The tomatoes are doing well and we have many customers. We sell the tomatoes to one of the leading hotels in town and other individual buyers. They are of good quality.

Ghana: Moringa nutrition project:

It is always a joy to hear from Newton Amaglo of Ghana. He is a researcher in the field of Moringa leaf nutrition and is a leader and trainer in this field. Moringa leaves are a powerhouse of nutritional value.

Newton Amaglo Powder made from Moringa leaves has, gram for gram, 7 times the vitamin C of oranges, 4 times the calcium in milk, 4 times the vitamin A in carrots, 2 times the protein in milk and 3 times the potassium in bananas. The powder from this humble leaf is now blended into breads, stews, pastries and many recipes. Newton is currently promoting its use in the National School Feeding Program of Ghana.

Newton writes: I deeply owe a great deal of gratitude to Del Anderson and Spirit in Action for the encouragement and financial support you’ve given me over the years. Del first introduced me to ECHO and paid $100 for them to send me books and literature. From ECHO I learned about moringa and today I am researching the benefits of moringa. It is indeed a privilege for Spirit in Action to serve together with Newton as he guides others in this life-giving way.
LETTER OF ENTHUSIASM FROM GLORIA KNAPSTAD, SIA BOARD MEMBER:

For over 30 years I have been amazed by Del Anderson's way of helping people in many countries to become self sufficient. Now as a member of the Spirit in Action (SIA) board of directors, I am excited to see the work from a different viewpoint. At our last Board meeting, I felt as if I had awakened to the depth and breadth of Spirit in Action in a way I never had before. I am very excited about the wonderful opportunity being given to so many people to become self-sustaining in their own countries.

Perhaps the point that became clear to me was how little money it takes to change someone's life. When a request is made for financial help to start a new business, the board requires clear, detailed information be sent with the requests. After a request for financial help is granted, the person given the help must send back detailed information concerning the business. This system is brilliant as it allows the person starting the business to become responsible and independent, paving the way as an example for other people to seek starting a business. This falls into the 'teaching a person to fish rather than giving him a fish' category. Eventually it is the SIA board's intention for the community to become independent with their own financing generated from their businesses.

So what's exciting about this? It only takes $38 dollars to send a solar cooker so that people can use their time more productively instead of looking for wood with which to cook. After having met the requirements, a small business group’s request is granted $150.00. This not only helps their family, but the community as well. A few seed packets can feed a family and they in turn can share their bounty and seeds starting others towards independence. My excitement came from the possibilities I now see for people to live better lives with the help SIA offers. Having long prayed for many through the years, I now feel I am putting those prayers into action. While this is beautiful, the best is yet to come as more people become aware of this opportunity to not only pray but to support these actions.

You can continue to serve others after you graduate into your next life.

Please consider remembering Spirit in Action in your will.

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SPIRIT IN ACTION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS


We welcome Ray and Marcia Larsen to the SIA board. “We have been a part of the Camps Farthest Out for many years and have always been interested in Del's work with Spirit in Action. Being on the board gives us a chance to better understand the principles behind Spirit in Action and the importance of a close and loving relationship with the people it serves. We have lived in Nevada City for 10 years. Ray retired in 1988 and we decided we would like to move to the Sierra foothills. We love it here and welcome visitors.”

SPIRIT IN ACTION

Del Anderson, founder

Marsha Johnson, administrator/newsletter editor

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Del affirms:
“Let us keep on keeping on, until we catch on.”
SPIRIT IN ACTION SMALL BUSINESS FUND (SIASBF), highlighting Malawi:

Trained business leaders happily receiving their grants.

The five business projects represented by these business leaders are selling groceries, selling hardware for bicycles and oxcarts, raising and selling piglets, raising and selling crops, and photography and sale of film.

Spirit in Action has recently included “Sharing the Gift” as part of the SIASBF training program. In this way, the community can begin to become self-sufficient in the funding of future businesses. The business groups are asked to prayerfully discern ways that they can contribute financially or in kind to the formation of future businesses.

Canaan Gondwe, SIASBF coordinator, shares, “All 25 business groups understood the concept and agreed to share the gifts with others. As they realize profits, they will share 7% with newly identified group members. Those raising animals will share 2 males and 1 female after weaning the animals. Those planting crops will share produce and seeds. As a gesture toward accepting the concept, business groups 1-10 have already put together $202.” Hallelujah! The Malawi groups are SHARING THE GIFT!

Canaan writes, “Spirit in Action really flows towards us and our community with God’s abundant Love and Spirit. Keep on praying for us as we in turn also pray for you and the entire SIASBF program. This work is God’s work. We are God’s feet, hands, eyes and mouth to His people.”

YOUTH TRAINING CAMP, Ukweli Training and Development Centre, Eldoret, Kenya:

Samuel Teimuighe expresses gratitude to Spirit in Action for providing funding for the Youth Leadership Training Camp in December, 2006. Samuel reports that 55 youth attended. The youth themselves provided leadership, developing self-esteem in the process. The youth report:

~ Focusing on education is the key for independent living
~ Time management is important because time is a basic resource that cannot be stored for the future.
~ Bio-intensive farming is easy and cheap, using locally available materials which are all around us. “We have these things! Why have we not used them!” The follow-up shows that some of the youth are now implementing their new skills.

Youth learning about composting

Sharing fellowship together