Greetings dear Spirit in Action friends all over the world.

My first 6-months as SIA Administrator have been a period of great learning, spiritual awakening and true, deep appreciation for the work of Del Anderson, Marsha Johnson, Tish Bayer and many other SIA volunteers. It is wonderful to see the very REAL difference that the Spirit in Action world-wide network makes in the world. We all are supporting work that inspires, encourages and sustains people emotionally and physically. I am in awe at what our small organization can do to help people improve their lives. Thank you SIA!

Please note our address!

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www.godsspiritinaction.org/news

A note from Tanya Thomas Cothran:

More We Than Me
Excerpted from the book by Eva Thayer

My kingdom is here
My kingdom is now
My kingdom is me
My kingdom is we

Sharing the Gift
Malawi
Canaan Gondwe, a SIA Coordinator in Malawi, praises the abundance his community has received through the SIA Small Business Fund. The Sharing the Gift (STG) concept, which encourages small business groups to give back through supporting new businesses, has allowed 4 new businesses to grow in their community. Mrs. Mabvuto Msowoya (pictured at right) and her family received nearly $100 to buy and raise chickens. Canaan shares his enthusiasm:

“Look at how STG can impact another family. This is beautiful. The woman is happy and she is confident of realizing money from the sales of eggs and later sale of the birds themselves. Now the birds are almost about to lay eggs. How beautiful and wonderful things can be.”
A DAY in the LIFE of the SIA BOARD
By Dave Gattey
Spirit in Action board member
Dave shares about the workings of the SIA Board of Directors and explains the 2 basic types of SIA funding.

The Spirit in Action Board meets twice a year and will sometimes hold retreats that extend for a full day or two. Meetings are usually held at a member’s home, and last from 10:00am till 4:30pm. One of the reasons that those of us who serve on the Board enjoy the meetings is that we gather in the Spirit and have a sense of anticipation about our work. We are given a great responsibility when we agree to serve on the Board. I also enjoy the fact that we have such a diversity of spiritual expressions on the Board, each of us coming from a different place and yet all working together.

Under the capable leadership of Dennis Johnson, we begin by reading from “God Calling”, a writing that came through Del Anderson. [This is also available on our website at http://godsspiritinaction.org/mission.htm] This is generally followed by a time of prayer and reflection. These “focusing” activities are important to all of us, as we are once again reminded of our “high calling.”

Next, we have a time of sharing from each member, which is an important step to remind us of the bond we share and to help us remember one another both in our prayers and in our discussions. By this time we usually need a break to stretch and renew our coffee, tea or water.

We then move into the business portion of the day. As we go through the past minutes, financial reports, reports from our Administrator, each member gives their input. Recently, one large topic of discussion has been whether to give grants or loans. Even though there are members who feel strongly both ways, we have to come to a compromise decision. In such discussions, we often break for a time of prayer before we continue or vote. I appreciate the fact that each of us can and does express our ideas on such issues.

Lunch is an important feature, not only because the food is so good, but because it is a time for us to leisurely and informally connect with other members.

In the afternoon we receive reports on the items we have funded and requests for funds from other projects.

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Dave's article cont.
There are two basic types of project funding:

SIA Small Business Fund Grants:
Each family or business group receives $150 to start a small business. The initial grant is $100, followed by $50 three months later. Local coordinators supervise the training and follow-through. All of us have been so amazed and touched by the success of this program. The businesses not only benefit the recipients; they also benefit the community in which the business is located. Recently we have been encouraging recipients to take a portion of their income and to set it aside to help others begin their own small businesses, through "Sharing the Gift". This has also been very successful.

SIA Grants:
This second type of request is usually for larger grants, benefiting a whole community. Such grants have been given for a school and training center, an agricultural demonstration project, for seeds or educational materials, constructing and demonstrating solar cookers, to purchase cows to provide milk for a community, etc. Although most of the grants have been given to contacts in Africa, we have recently approved projects in Central America.

Funds for all these projects come from donations. The Board is not interested simply in giving money to needy people. We believe it is our mission to establish relationships with people and to help them in a way that will enhance their communities and also to help them become aware of the spiritual dimension of all nature and people. This is the vision of Del Anderson, who has spent his long life developing such relationships.

We usually close our board meeting with a song and a prayer circle to remind us again that this is God’s world and work, and that we have been given a wonderful opportunity to share with our contributors and one another in this blessed process.
**Spirit in Action Highlights**

**Solar Cooking Season in Kenya:**

Camily Wedende, in Eldoret, Kenya, was recently featured in the Solar Cookers International November newsletter, mentioning his contributions to the Kenya solar cooking community through a SIA grant to build solar cookers and train people in their use. Camily reports that since this article he has been contacted by several people interested in learning about and purchasing solar cookers!

"After post election violence many people are in refugee camps where no firewood is found and no clean water. I was contacted by UNITED NATIONS who are working in the refugee camps they want to buy cookers for people who are in camps. Demonstrations has been done and they have seen that solar cookers can cook food and even pasteurize water."

In a similar situation, the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees approved a solar cooker training project in the Iridimi refugee camp in Chad. Recent evaluations of their work found that almost 5000 people, mostly women, have been trained to use solar cookers for their daily meals. According to the report, "The main advantages of the solar cookers, as stated by 80 percent of the women, include:

- Free time to do other things
- Easiness of cooking
- Absence of smoke, leading to better health (e.g., less coughing, irritated eyes, and running noses)
- Improved relations with neighbors, since disputes over wood were common
- Improved security, due to decreased need to leave camp for firewood."

Solar cookers are a wonderful way to promote sustainable, healthy practices and receive nourishment from the resources God provides—the sun!

The full report can be found at [www.solarcookers.org/programs/iridimi.html](http://www.solarcookers.org/programs/iridimi.html) and you can read the November SCI newsletter at [solarcooking.org/newsletters/scrnov07.htm#News](http://solarcooking.org/newsletters/scrnov07.htm#News).

**Visit our website for more photos.**

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**SIA Small Business Fund Updates**

**Rwanda**

Welcome Hamuli Shamwesi Francios!

Hamuli, our newest SIA Small Business Fund Coordinator, coordinated his first 2 businesses in Rwanda this spring. He also received training about our program from Jacob Lipandasi, who works in neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo. Hamuli, Jacob and SIA Coordinator Benoit Malenge meet on a regular basis to train, pray, complete paperwork and practice English.

**Pictured below - Central Africa SIA Coordinators L to R: Jacob, Benoit, Hamuli**

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Democratic Republic of Congo

As part of the SIA Small Business Fund program, grant recipients receive training about business and leadership skills. The Small Business Fund Guidelines have been translated into French for new businesses in the DRC.

**Pictured below - Benoit Malenge explains bookkeeping records to a new business group.**

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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. It’s perfect for that person who does not want any more stuff. 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!

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Camily Wedende displays the solar cookers he has built.
We gratefully acknowledge these donors who have contributed to Spirit in Action from Nov. 15, 2007 to May 1, 2008.

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Update from Kenya:
Kenya has been in many of our prayers for peace recently, following the post-election violence there. Throughout the period of instability SIA was able to continue contact with most of our friends in Kenya, and many expressed appreciation for the prayer support and emails they received. Also, through several donations to SIA in recent months, we have been able to provide some of the basic needs to those who lost their houses and land in the violence. THANK YOU!

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No. of SIA small businesses: 236*
No. of SIA Coordinators: 12
Amount awarded per grant: $150
Possibilities: Endless!

Democratic Republic of Congo
40 businesses
Jacob Lipandasi
Benoit Malenge

India Chennai
7 businesses
Chandra Ezekiel
Victoria Rani

Kenya Eldoret
10 businesses
Sister Mary Cherop

Nigeria Akwa Ibom State
85 businesses
Ofonime Nkoko
Rose Ekong

Malawi Mzimba
44 businesses
(4 through “Sharing the Gift”)
Canaan Gondwe

Phillippines
11 businesses
Rose Zafra

Rwanda
2 businesses
Hamuli Francios

Uganda
40 businesses
Godfrey Matovu
Christopher Musana

* Since the program began in 2006

Pictures: Top Left: Broom making small business in Uganda;
Above: Prayer group at SIA Business Fund training in Uganda;
Right: Animal Feed machine grinds agricultural scraps in Kenya

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Sometimes when we are focusing our attention upon some great service we would do, God is focusing attention upon some great personality that we should be.

It is always a greater service that we render through our being, than through our doing.

- Glenn Clark, I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

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