

Summer 2007

Dear Friends,

Your prayers and gifts are making a significant difference in the lives, families, and communities where Mission Resource is serving. In fact, the organization's slogan "Where Small Investments Make Huge Impacts" is evidenced in the enclosed project profile that highlights the impacts of each new business.

According to Webster, **impact** means "the force of impression of one thing on another; a significant effect or power to bring about a result". We praise God for the **positive changes and transformations these businesses have brought about spiritually, economically, and socially** – job creation for the unemployed, families affording school fees, a new church planted, new church members and commitments for the Lord, giving to a village Christian school, increased giving to the local church or mission project, percentage of profit available to help fund local ministries, economic development in the communities, increase of available products and a Christian witness in the marketplace, etc.

- I** Investment with Eternal Perspective
- M** Marketplace Ministry
- P** Provision for Long-term Solutions
- A** Assisting Hope-filled Entrepreneurs
- C** Changing Lives and Economies
- T** 'Teaching a Man to Fish' for a Lifetime

We are also excited about the new transformations and developments at Mission Resource. We are praising God for bringing a friend back into our lives who is working alongside of us to meet the organization's strategic goals for the year. Sondra Forester, a non-profit consultant, is helping us **utilize volunteers in new Communications/Marketing and Event Planning Committees. A Stewards Club has been initiated to raise funds for capacity building** as we plan to meet the growing number of needs and opportunities.

Expanding the local board is another goal as we strive to change Mission Resource from a "mom and pop" ministry into an organization focused on the new missions' paradigm of "Business as Mission". The **Ghana MRI Advisory Board has begun to regularly visit the projects, to assess their needs, and to provide sound business advice focused on Biblical principles.** We are thankful that our project owners attended a 'Business as Mission' seminar conducted by a group of businessmen from the US and Ghana. Another blessing for the owners was a visit from an agricultural engineer from Illinois and his father who is a farmer, each with an entrepreneurial vision and a heart for missions.

Impacting Through "Business as Mission",
David and Sue Ketchum



**Mission
Resource
International**

Where small investments make huge impacts

BUSINESS AS MISSION PROJECTS

GHANA

UBKACC Hog Farm (Piggery)



Land, building materials, feed, pigs, medicines purchased; 3rd sale to Sotrec Meat Packing. **IMPACT:** business gifted \$500 to Ghana Christian Mission and \$1000 to Ghana MRI Revolving Loan Fund; have purchased more land and church equipment; plan to defray cost of pastor's housing; helped fund needs at village Christian school; provided jobs for local people; desire to help others start piggeries.

Investment \$11,000

Wildeb Bakery



Two gas ovens replace a wood-burning oven; building and baking supplies purchased; packaging designed for new logo of Victory Bread. **IMPACT:** hired local girls to bake and sell; built stall on street and plan to open retail outlet at service station in the community; have gifted Ghana Christian Mission, a medical and church planting ministry.

Investment \$5,500

Divine Pineapple Farm



Land, equipment, and pineapple suckers purchased; 1st harvest sold in European and local markets. **IMPACT:** local unemployed men and women have jobs; 4 new acres planned for clearing and planting using 1st harvest "suckers" requires hiring more workers which now include 4 full-time employees and many part-time workers.

Investment \$5,000

Adonorkope Produce Farm



Land, equipment, and supplies purchased. **IMPACT:** sold onions, peppers, and watermelons to the local markets; provided jobs for church members; profit used to rent space in a school for a new church in Kasseh; local unchurched villagers attend; 45 new Christians in the new church plant.

Investment \$6,200

Evangelists' Wives Grain Trading



Grains, beans, and nuts purchased for resale. **IMPACT:** profits have helped fund pastors' families' school fees and school uniforms; enterprises provide sustaining income for the indigenous Ghanaian missionaries who go to remote unchurched areas; able to experience the 'joy of giving' to their own church building project.

Investment \$1,650

Sewing Enterprise



Sewing machine and apprenticeship fees purchased for a young Ghanaian woman. She is learning how to sew and beginning to sell dresses, shirts, skirts, purses, etc. in batik fabrics. **IMPACT:** She is helping to provide for her family and plans to have a shop of her own.

Investment \$600



Basic Utility Vehicle Mini-factory

Two BUVs sent to Alabaster Ministry to begin researching and developing the feasibility of a mini-factory. **IMPACT:** Jobs will be created for the factory; vehicles now provide transportation on rough terrain for getting produce to market, hauling farm supplies, transporting farm workers, and is available for anyone injured or sick to get to the closest medical clinic.

Investment \$5,330



Just by Grace Nestle Wholesale

Pastor and wife's retail business awarded distributorship by Nestle; purchased delivery van and inventory. **IMPACT:** food and household goods serve local small businesses; Christian witness in Muslim neighborhood stores as JBG employees live out their faith; jobs created for local people.

Investment \$36,700



Borea Blessed Yam Farm

Three area church pastors form a union to buy land and materials; 12,000 mounds planted for harvest. **IMPACT:** local unemployed people and church members have jobs; tithes and offerings to the local churches and evangelism initiatives; new sustainable business.

Investment \$1,500



Koforidua Church Property

Fellowship of Christian Churches group bought property for future enterprise development; church continues to be held on property; drawings completed for 3-story conference center, retail outlets, and offices. **IMPACT:** church allowed to remain in central part of urban area; opportunity to develop income-generating businesses for enterprise initiatives in the community.

Investment \$21,722



"Helping Hands" Gifts

Funds to Ghana MRI Revolving Fund for new businesses; poultry farm; Bible distribution; Christian convention fees; hearing aid for pastor's daughter; pastor's housing; chairs for new church; Ministry guesthouse, Leadership Workshop materials for pastors. **IMPACT:** meeting needs and providing hope.

Investment \$34,466

KENYA



Basket Weaving

Materials and training for over 100 former commercial sex workers. **IMPACT:** women are working in a job with dignity and are able to support their families. Some are now Christians and many are reconciled to their families.

Investment \$2,150

Total Investment \$131,788

Impact on the individual, the family, the community and local ministries: Hope, Dignity, Income and Opportunity to share spiritually, economically, socially, and environmentally in their communities.

Kingdom Business in the Marketplace