

BIGDENT.ORG

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Could you get by on less than \$2 per day? Millions of people living in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, do.

Through CMF's new venture, BigDent, micro-loans are given to the poorest in these slums to grow small businesses. These businesses, in turn, transform people's lives, families, and communities.

BigDent.org profiles hundreds of small business owners in the Mathare slum neighborhoods of Nairobi who are waiting for loans. Sponsoring a loan helps to make a big dent in their poverty. Here's how you can help:

1. Go to BigDent.org, click on **Get Started Now**
2. Choose an entrepreneur by gender, business, location
3. Make an online donation of any amount through this safe, secure site

Here's an example of what can happen with your gift.

When our partners at Missions of Hope discovered Sabina Mukonyo in her slum neighborhood, she was so sick that she could not get out of bed. As the local Hope center gave her hot food and medical treatment, she improved dramatically. Not long after, she was recommended to the skills training workshop to learn how to sew and do beadwork. Sabina worked hard to complete the 6-month course and graduated with her own sewing machine. Then, because of her diligence, she was recruited into a micro-loan group called Pangani Support – managed by our BigDent staff – to receive business training and mentoring. As a member of this group, Sabina could take out a loan to start a tailoring business.



Today, Sabina makes dresses, uniforms, pants, and does repairs, and has repaid her first loan. Now she's ready for a second loan to expand her growing business by buying more sewing machines and employing other trained workers.

BigDent empowered Sabina in a holistic way – socially, economically, physically, and spiritually. Yet, life is not without problems. Recently her husband abandoned her, so Sabina is completely on her own. But at least she has the means to care for herself and her daughter ... and she knows God's love through BigDent.

Sponsor a loan today and you will help others like Sabina to grow a business, perhaps employ others, and transform the cycle of poverty into a cycle of provision.

[If you would prefer to give your contribution another way, please contact us at help@BigDent.org or call CMF's office at 317.578.2700.]



Nairobi, Kenya For the third year in a row, the 8th graders from our Hope Partnership schools from the slums have done a great job on their high school entrance exam. 120 kids sat for the exam; 109 passed (91%) with the girls taking the lead. We are so thrilled because the national passing rate is 40%. These children will be placed in appropriate high schools all around the Nairobi area.

Bangkok, Thailand After an unusually wet monsoon season, flooding from the north overwhelmed millions in the city – including our team, campus house, the university campus and its students. Thankfully, there was enough warning for our Grapevine team to get out and find higher ground. The Muang Thai Church and former missionaries provided help and housing during the 2 months that our team was displaced, but the waters damaged the campus house and its contents. Our team has worked diligently to clean all of the dirt, mud, and mold from the entire campus house to be ready for the beginning of the new semester in January.



Abengourou, Ivory Coast As an outbreak of meningitis started in November, we sent out a call for help in getting vaccines for HIV patients and clinic staff at \$3 per person. Quick and generous gifts, meant that over 3,000 people could be vaccinated in several communities! Other areas desperately need immunizations. \$3 saves a life at cmfi.org/onlinegifts, then click on "Give to a specific project."



Aygali, Ethiopia Craig and Allison Fowler report that during the fall months 220+ Gumuz from various rural villages accepted Christ. The Gumuz are an unreached people group in western Ethiopia. The Fowlers' home is in a very remote area between the Blue Nile and Beles rivers, where they evangelize, train evangelists and leaders, and operate a medical clinic.

Meet Ashley Wheeler, our Associate Mobilizer. She represents CMF at colleges/universities, and oversees our REACH international summer internships program. Contact Ashley for more information about REACH or serving with CMF: ashleywheeler@cmfi.org.



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