

Spirit in Action's **STATEMENT OF SPIRITUAL INTENTION**

Spirit in Action is a private operating foundation founded on Christian principles. We honor the dignity and holiness of all people and encourage them in their spiritual journey and faith tradition. We seek to grow deeper in relationship with God and to embody God's loving presence in our world.

People often ask, "Is Spirit in Action a Christian organization? Is its purpose to convert people to Christianity?" Our **Statement of Spiritual Intention** (above) is our way of responding to these questions. As Del Anderson so beautifully stated at the end of his interview on the first page of this newsletter, "*There are so many ways to approach God. We think that one way is the only way. The ways are great. The people who present them are great souls. But they're not the only way. God is infinite. Limitless.*"

In Spirit in Action's by-laws, our PURPOSE is stated as:

Spirit in Action is a network of people worldwide who are serving God by serving others in developing countries. Soul, heart, mind and body are nurtured through:

- prayer
- correspondence
- encouragement and sharing
- research
- sending spiritual readings and other materials
- sending seed packets
- promoting self-help projects
- providing small grants through local coordinators for families or small groups to start their own businesses

As a spiritual, caring process, Spirit in Action encourages:

- daily spiritual disciplines
- weekly small group gatherings for fellowship, support and spiritual development

As we nurture and honor the Divine within ourselves and others, our entire lives ~ spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, social and economic ~ are touched by God's transforming, healing presence.

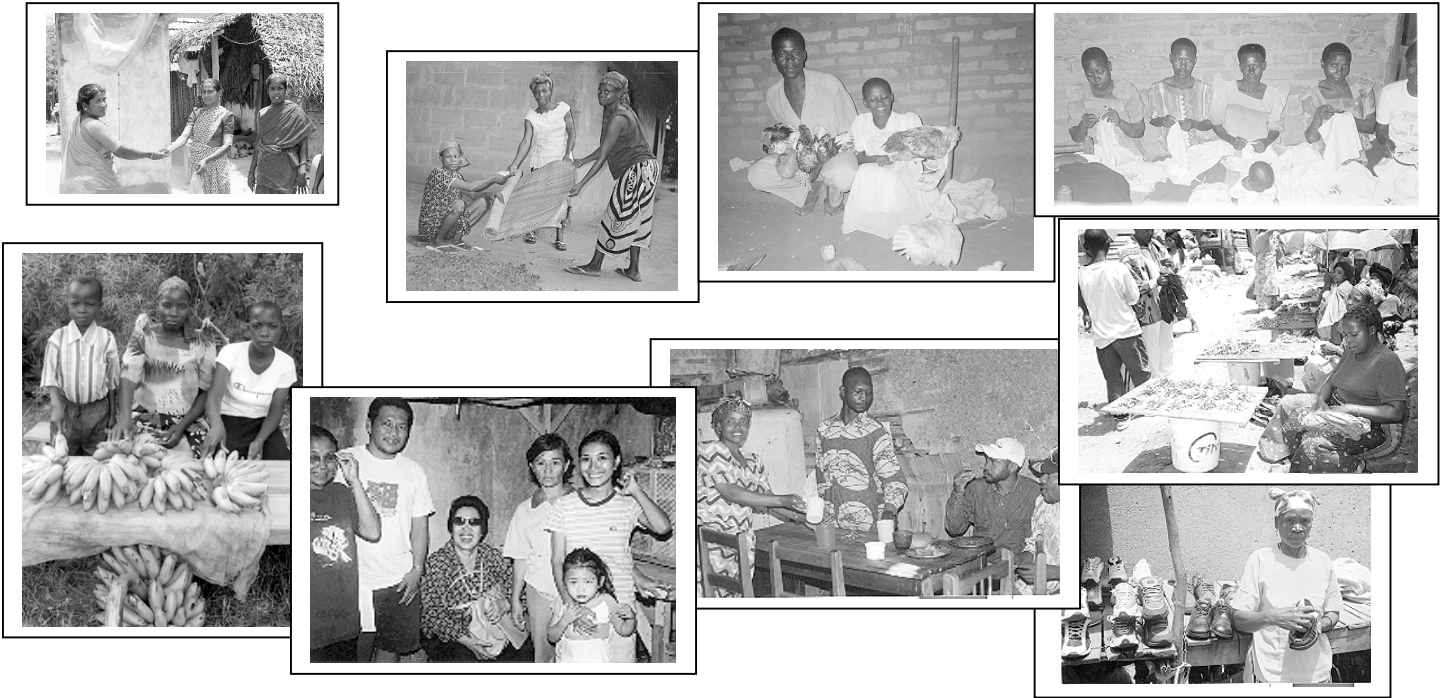
WHAT MAKES SPIRIT IN ACTION UNIQUE?

Spirit in Action is unique in that, instead of aligning with a particular spiritual tradition, we encourage **ALL** people in their spiritual journey and faith tradition, and to grow deeper in relationship with God, embodying God's loving presence in our world. This is not exclusive to any particular faith tradition.

Spirit in Action's purpose/mission is unique as well in that we do not have a set program that we seek to promote, but we make every effort to respond to the needs and requests of the people with whom we correspond. We seek to understand their true guidance and desires, and to prayerfully respond as God guides.

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SPIRIT IN ACTION SMALL BUSINESS FUND



(1st row) **INDIA** (1) Selvi and assistant selling small fish used to make a spicy sauce ~ **NIGERIA** (2) Eno, a blind woman, weaves mats to sell. "I thank God for the Americans that have helped me through Sister Rose and Ofonime to earn a living. I pray God to bless them abundantly." ~ **UGANDA** (3) Martin and Sesiliya raising chickens (4) Salama, Jesca and Erizabesi making tablecloths (2nd row) (1) Merabu selling plantains ~ **PHILIPPINES** (2) Rose Zafra (seated) with group that prepares snacks for daycare center ~ **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** (3) Restaurant group serving (4) Small fish group. They didn't work before SIASBF. "Now we can work, getting money, and pay scholarship for our children. Thank you God." (5) Selling used shoes. "I am a widow woman without a friend. Now I am able to support my son at school. I get our food and soap since Jacob assists us with SIASBF. Praise our good God."



MALAWI - 1st Row: (1) Daniso Nywenda showing Christian videos to children (2) Esmay Sakala selling groceries (3) Luso Shoe Repair 2nd Row: (1) Business leaders getting their first grant payment (2) Customers entering Rose Tembo's grocery (3) Rose Tembo's grocery ~ Rose is a widow with two children. The SBF taught her skills how to run her business. "I feel very comfortable and accepted as a woman head of household and things are turning out all right and positive." (over)