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"For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it."

— Ecclesiastes 7:12



TANZANIA PAGE 3

Meet the Luboyelwa family and discover how your gifts are helping provide them with the training they need to flourish.



MOZAMBIQUE PAGE 4

Learn about Ussumane Cachingue's hopes for his children's future.



LAOS PAGE 6

See how Free A Family® gifts like yours are equipping families in Laos and around the world with the skills they need to thrive.



HONDURAS PAGE 8

Find out what Yuri Gomez is doing to help ensure her children realize their academic goals.



NIGERIA PAGE 10

Discover how your generosity is helping Nvou Gyang's sons receive a quality education.



LEARNING TO FLOURISH

HERMAN "KEHULA" LUBOYELWA and his wife, Devotha, have six children ranging in ages from 7 to 21 years. The couple is also raising two relatives, Hendekela, 18, and Apolinali, 14. Before they joined the Free A Family® program in their community, facilitated by World Renew's local partner, the Africa Inland Church of Tanzania, Diocese of Geita, Kehula says, "The life of my family was very miserable. We did not have enough food and the health status of my children was very poor. My family used to have only one meal a day. My family's income was very minimal. We could not grow and harvest enough food crops. Our family could not access a balanced diet—a reason why our children used to get sick very often."

In 2021, through the Free A Family program, Kehula had the opportunity to join conservation agriculture trainings. Kehula's family started conservation agriculture with a quarter acre in their first year and have now scaled up to one acre. The family also benefited from training in proper nutrition, including learning about successfully maintaining a

kitchen garden, and Kehula and Devotha participated in gender justice sessions.

Kehula shares everything he has learned with his children and that includes the importance of treating each member of the family with respect. He and Devotha help each other in farming activities and house chores. And when making decisions that affect the entire family, they include the children in discussions and encourage them to share their opinions.

The children also help maintain the family's farm and kitchen garden. Devotha says, "On the weekends, our children help with farming activities such as weeding and planting. During the dry seasons, they help in watering our kitchen gardens and fruit trees."

This family is thriving, thanks to God's grace and generosity like yours. Pray that more families in East Africa will have opportunities to receive the training and tools they need to flourish.

Through the Free A Family® program, Ussumane has received training in conservation agriculture and was able to join a village savings and loan group. After putting into practice what he learned, he has been enjoying more bountiful harvests and income stability. He says, “The harvest was good and the market was offering competitive prices as such I have had no challenges providing for my family. The agriculture training that I have received, including being in a savings group, has improved my well-being.”

World Renew’s Free A Family program works because of generosity like yours—and, because we find local partners who share our values and mission. Our partnerships with local Christian organizations help ensure we understand local needs and we develop positive connections with the people who we walk alongside. Sometimes partnerships end—not necessarily because they were not working, but because God has called us to focus our energies elsewhere or because of changes to local government policy. We only recently began showcasing the progress of the Cachingue family in Mozambique, at the time unaware that God would be leading us to a place where we would no longer be working with our local partner, ESPANOR. So, in this issue we say goodbye to the Cachingues, but we do so knowing that they are now equipped with the training and tools to continue to be food secure and to pursue their hopes for the future. And, we pray that ESPANOR, through the training World Renew has provided, can continue to guide families away from hunger. Next issue, we’ll introduce another family from Southern Africa, who, like the Cachingues, are growing more self-reliant—thanks to people like you.



MOVING FORWARD WITH HOPE

WHEN ASKED ABOUT her future, Fassanao Cachingue, 14, responds, “I want to become a doctor.” Her brother, Mateus, 10, wants to be a teacher and her two younger sisters Ane, 8, and baby Anguesta have yet to voice their hopes. Their father, Ussumane, has his own hopes for his children. He says, “I want [them] to go to university and thereafter be independent. I pray that God continues to take care of us.”

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LESSONS IN HOPE

WE ARE CALLED TO LEARN; to learn about ourselves, our world, and God's Word. New knowledge helps us to grow and to live joyfully as God intended. Through your generous support of the Free A Family® program, families learn to thrive and to have faith in God's love and hope for the future. Here's a glimpse at how you helped families learn new skills, ways to protect their health, and more in 2022:



233 ORPHANS and vulnerable children **IN NIGERIA** received educational scholarships in the last quarter of 2022.



IN TANZANIA, 214 PARTICIPANTS have reported improvement in joint decision making with their spouse thanks to gender justice sessions.



IN HONDURAS, 150 YOUTH benefited from the support and guidance of mentors through a Youth Impact Club facilitated by World Renew's local partner ASJ.



487 PARTICIPANTS IN MOZAMBIQUE are now practicing the techniques they learned in beekeeping trainings.



2,305 PARTICIPANTS have established or are establishing kitchen gardens **IN INDIA** after being trained on the importance of nutrition and food diversification.



THE WORLD RENEW LAOS TEAM REJOICES that Kham Ann and his family are not only eager to learn, but also to share new knowledge with their community. Kham Ann wants to give his children every opportunity to flourish. He donated some of his land so his community could build the school that his three older children now attend. Like their parents, Pai, 10, Peng, 8, and Khaen, 5, have learned the benefits of washing their hands regularly, eating nutritious foods, and so much more. Thank you for your gifts that have helped this family learn to flourish. In the next issue, we'll introduce another family from Asia who is eager to learn.

“I like to participate in class, and I really love going to school... everybody knows me as a friendly and positive person.”

SUSANA GOMEZ,
STUDENT, FREE A FAMILY® PARTICIPANT

SUSANA GOMEZ, 13, is a diligent student who hopes to one day become a veterinarian. Her mother, Yuri, struggles to pay the monthly fee for Susana to attend high school, but Yuri does everything she can to help her daughter achieve her academic dreams. Every school day, Yuri walks the four blocks with Susana to the school to ensure Susana does not fall prey to a gang—like many teens in their community have. While Yuri’s academic dreams were never realized, the trauma healing she received through World Renew’s Free A Family program has filled her with hope that her children will realize theirs. Her son, James, 6, wants to be a firefighter and her son, Iker, 5, to join the airforce. Yuri tells them to stay positive—all things are possible with God. Thank you for your gifts that help strengthen Yuri and her family’s faith in God.



A MOTHER'S HOPE BECOMES REALITY

ALTHOUGH PRIMARY EDUCATION is officially free and compulsory, according to UNICEF an estimated 10.5 million children in Nigeria are not in school. In fact, one in every five of the world's out-of-school children is in Nigeria. This education deprivation is driven by various factors, including economic barriers, socio-cultural norms, and practices that discourage attendance in formal education—especially for girls.

But even when families send their children to government-funded schools, the Nigerian public education system has a reputation for not doing enough for its students. Nvou Gyang had always imagined a future where her sons, John, Wisdom, Reuben, and Godfrey, received a quality education.

Following the murder of her husband who had been the breadwinner of their family, Nvou's hope of achieving this goal was dashed. She was forced to relocate her family to a new community and life became very difficult as she struggled to provide for her children's basic needs. She could no longer afford to cover the tuition fees for private school, so she had no choice but to enroll her sons in a public school. But the boys were deprived of the

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opportunity to reach their full potential as non-payment of teachers' salaries, poor learning infrastructure, and absentee teachers resulted in a substandard education and the boys began to regress.

Through the World Renew Free A Family program, Nvou's sons were supported with educational scholarships which facilitated their enrolment in a private school. The boys quickly made new friends and enjoyed

the perks—that came along with the new school—a playground, new uniforms, and a school bus. Their teachers report that academically the boys are continually improving and can communicate with confidence in English and read fluently.

Nvou's sons are determined to focus on their studies—just as Nvou focused on putting all she learned through the Free A Family program into practice to grow a successful fruit-selling

business. She says, "I truly appreciate the timely intervention of World Renew in supporting my family and especially for enabling my children to acquire a good education."

Nvou's family is thriving. Your generosity has helped strengthen their faith in God's love. Thank you for helping to make Nigerian families' hopes become reality. In the next issue, we will introduce another resilient family from West Africa.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Children are among the world's most vulnerable people. When they endure injustices like conflict, poverty, and hunger, often the future they imagine is bleak. Providing children with proper nutrition and support can transform their lives and change the way they see the world. You can help share Christ's love and open doors to a brighter future for a child and their family with one of these gifts from World Renew's Gift Catalog:

nutrition kit for children

\$19

Your gift of a nutrition kit can supplement a child's diet to ensure that they get the vitamins they need to help them grow and maintain good health.

children's books for a mobile library

\$75

Fill a mobile library with books for children! This gift helps children build good reading habits that will influence their learning journey all through their lives.

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