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BEGINNINGS**

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THE SOW FAMILY lives in the village of Boubakh in Senegal. Assane Sow, 58, had two children with his late wife, Maimouna; their daughter, Mairam, 25, is married and lives in a nearby village, and their son, Ifra, is 21. Assane remarried and had two more children with his current wife, Mariama, 30; their daughter, Khaby, is 10 and their son, Siley, is 6. Assane and Mariama live with Ifra and the two younger children in a compound that they share with Assane's two brothers and their families.

Assane, a farmer and herder, struggled to generate enough income and his family often went hungry. He shares, "You can visit a house and you think these people are doing well. When you come in, they are having breakfast, but then you may not see that they will not have lunch and may not have dinner either. It was like that here, but the projects have really helped." The projects that Assane is referring to are the ones offered in his

community through World Renew's Free A Family® program. Assane's wife was first to get involved in the program in 2020 when she started working in a community vegetable garden facilitated by World Renew's local partner, Lutheran Development Services. Before Mariama started working in the community garden, the family had no choice but to sell off some of their sheep or borrow money to buy food and other basics. Now, with the vegetables from the garden, they do not need to buy as much food, so they can hold on to their herd better. "The other thing I like about the garden is how nice it is to eat a meal that has tomatoes that you grew yourself," says Mariama.

We look forward to sharing more about this family in the next issue. They are making amazing strides towards food security and income stability. Thank you for your gifts that help make it possible for families like the Sows to look to the future with hope.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
— 2 Corinthians 5:17



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Meet the Sow family and learn how God is working in their lives.



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Discover how your gifts are helping strengthen Yuri Gomez's faith in God.



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See how generosity like yours is giving the Luboyelwas a chance at a new beginning.



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Learn why the Ng'oma family was ostracized from their community.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



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GET CHANTHA and his wife Chab Thea live in Tropiang L'beak village in Cambodia with their two children and Nget's 74-year-old mother. To supplement his income, Nget, a farmer, also worked in construction, but quite often the work was not in his community, and he would have to leave his family behind. Despite the sacrifices, Nget made to ensure he was earning enough to provide for his family, he struggled to meet their basic needs.



In 2020, after seeing the work they were doing to help increase food security and improve the income stability of families in Tropiang L'beak, Nget approached World Renew's local partner, Oreda. He shared with the Oreda team, "I hope to increase animal-raising and extend my farmland size to increase my income level. I hope to get

more chickens and expand my chicken coop. And I hope to join a savings group so that I can access loans easier." World Renew and Oreda welcomed the Chanthas into the Free A Family® program. Despite the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic was presenting at the time, Oreda worked with Nget to increase his farm's production and provided training in small business management and market analysis. Nget also had the opportunity to learn new animal-raising techniques and about making animal feed.

To help the Chanthas improve their health, Oreda encouraged them to grow vegetables. They now enjoy more vegetable-rich meals, and they spend less on food. The family also followed the advice of Oreda staff to get vaccinated to help build up their immunity to the COVID-19 virus. Thank you for your gifts that have helped guide and support Nget so he is better equipped to achieve his goals and dreams for his family. Thank you for sharing God's love with vulnerable families around the world.

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HOPE RENEWED

IN COMMUNITIES WHERE

World Renew works around the world, people often believe that they cannot escape poverty. Your Free A Family® gifts help provide trauma healing, training in income-generating activities, and more to help families gain new skills, embrace their abilities, and give them hope for the future. Here's some ways you shared Christ's hope in the last year:



330 PARTICIPANTS were trained in trauma healing **IN NIGERIA**



IN UGANDA, 588 FAMILIES learned about the benefits of starting a kitchen garden; 177 new kitchen gardens were established.



529 PARTICIPANTS IN GUATEMALA are putting sustainable agriculture practices into action after receiving training.



COUNTRY UPDATE: Yuri Gomez sobs when asked about her husband and eldest son. Her husband left Honduras with hopes of finding work and her son to escape gang recruitment. She is left to provide for her other three children on her own. But thanks to Free A Family® support Yuri says, "I feel very optimistic about everything that God is doing in our lives. Despite the struggles and the situations that we do not understand, God has not abandoned us . . . I know that God has chosen me and my family for great things, providing so that my children can continue studying and preparing for the future."



2,274 PEOPLE IN ZAMBIA began new income-generating activities after joining a Village Savings and Loan group started in 2021.



IN BANGLADESH, 14,004 PEOPLE participated in a health program focused on improving the health of infants two and under.

☀️ “The projects run by World Renew are not only increasing our family income but also bringing our family together. Our family is happy. The conservation agriculture project has enabled our family to become self-sufficient.”

HERMAN “KEHULA” LUBOYELWA
FARMER, FREE A FAMILY® FATHER



KEHULA AND HIS WIFE, Devotha, have six children and they also care for a niece and nephew. This family of ten woke to face each new day burdened by the knowledge that there would only be one meal to eat. Kehula, a farmer, just could not grow enough to meet his family’s basic needs. But thanks to generous-hearted people like you, this family now enjoys three healthy meals every day. Your gifts helped give Kehula the opportunity to learn and start practicing conservation agriculture methods; his crop yields have now increased. The family also started a kitchen garden that helps ensure that their meals are vegetable rich – which has led to their improved health. And they are raising rabbits and goats for additional income. Thank you for sharing God’s love with the Luboyelwas, so they can wake to face each new day with hope.



HEALING A FAMILY'S HURT

JUDITH NG'OMA, 40, was angry. Her husband and her children were terrified of her rage and abusive behavior. Hunger and poverty, combined with the ostracization of her family, fuelled her anger. Judith and her husband, Daniel, 42, have seven children. Their eldest child, Eliza, 22, is married and has a daughter of her own. Eliza and her family live in a nearby village. But in the village where Judith, Daniel, and their other children live, people shunned them. Why? It is because the couple's son, Sugzo, 15, has a physical disability. Sugzo cannot walk and gets around by dragging himself on his elbows.

In rural villages in Malawi, where poverty is rampant, many people view children with disabilities as a curse upon their parents – a curse imposed by a supernatural power to punish them for wrongdoing. In the Ng'omas' community, people held on to this traditional mindset and so the Ng'omas became social outcasts after Sugzo was born. In fact, when World Renew and local partner, Eagles Relief and Development, began working in their village, their community excluded them from events and training. In time, as World



Renew and Eagles shared God's Word with the community, telling them that we are all created in God's image and should all be treated with love and respect, the community became more accepting of the Ng'omas and in 2021, Judith joined Eagles training sessions. "I have learned a lot from

the gender training. I was abusive, now I have changed. I am a transformed person after the training," says Judith. In fact, the community has chosen Judith to participate in a program with the Red Cross and even elected her as secretary. Her neighbours saw that she attended many trainings with Eagles

and now appreciate her leadership qualities. The Ng'omas have only just begun this new chapter in their lives. They still struggle with poverty and often do not have enough to eat, but now that they are no longer ostracized, they look to the future with hope. Thank you for your gifts that helped make this healing possible!

HELP END WORLD HUNGER

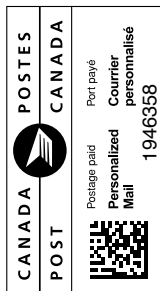
Globally, an estimated 828 million people are unsure of where their next meal is coming from. And economic shocks, conflict, and changing weather conditions continue to drive more families into hunger. By supporting the struggling farmer today, we plant hope for the future. By offering food to a family who has lost everything to a cyclone, we help them trust in God's goodness. And by providing food vouchers to a refugee family forced from their homeland by conflict, we extend God's love.

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