

More than just grinding corn...

When we visited Uganda in April, the team members and farm workers were proud to show off the beautiful new hammermill. They demonstrated how the machine was able to save them time and money. As a woman, I admit I had more fun watching the men's enthusiasm over the machine than I had watching the thing rumble to life. When I learned how far-reaching the effects of the mill were, however, I became just as enthusiastic. Because the Africans tend to make use of everything, we had added a huller to the mill, allowing the outer shells of the corn to be removed. But those outer shells are not wasted; they are used to feed the chickens in our newly-started chicken project. Later, as I visited with the ladies who were cooking our lunch, I asked about the pile of corn cobs and learned that the old cobs are used to fuel their cooking fires. Nothing gets wasted. That's exciting! We welcome any donations toward the purchase of the huller (\$3500 needed) or to expand the chicken project (\$3000, because the project requires a square acre of fencing to protect the flock from predators and thieves).



Coffee science

The new coffee plants are doing well, but the Ugandan workers are not just leaving them to do what they will. Our people have researched and learned how to encourage thicker, fuller bushes. By bending the branches over, the plants are forced to grow new upright shoots, thereby allowing the plant to grow bigger and produce more beans. Impressive legwork! I dream of one day enjoying a cup of coffee made from our very own beans.

Successful conference in D. R. Congo

Our four team members in the D. R. C. recently put on a "self-sustainability conference" for our widows there. They each had a two-hour slot and spoke on various aspects of becoming self-sustainable. Pastor Emmanuel introduced the topic, Jeanne spoke about how to become self-sustaining



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"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction."

- James 1:27

in one's life, John discussed the advantages of self-sustainability, and Ucama covered the disadvantages of having to depend on others when one is not self-sustaining. The conference closed with announcements, lunch, and rave reviews from the widows, who found the seminar highly beneficial. They appreciated how the team related everything to self-sustainability, teaching them not only how to start a business, but also how to make it produce and how to invest or save up little by little (or as the Africans say, "slowly by slowly.") widows, who found the seminar highly beneficial. They appreciated how the team related everything to self-sustainability, teaching them not only how to start a business, but also how to make it produce and how to invest or save up little by little (or as the Africans say, "slowly by slowly.")



Other news from the D.R.C.

Buswaza is one of our success stories. She is a hardworking widow who has been able to generate enough revenue from her business that she could build herself a house! Please pray for her now, though, because she has been suffering from tooth pain. Just a reminder that \$200 provides an entire micro-loan for a widow. Your donation can be a huge step toward sustainability and another success story!



The team has also asked for prayer for all the students. They will be taking state exams this month, and it is their desire that everyone pass on to the next level.

Because of HCCA, Mugisa was able to attend university and has now graduated with a teaching degree. He is currently employed by a local school and is teaching history. Only \$5/mo (or \$60/yr) puts a student through school, so even small donations can make a big difference!

Thank you!

Remember our budget deficit last spring? We mentioned it, and you responded. We are all caught up! Now whatever gifts come in can go straight to providing microloans and school fees. We appreciate each of you so much!

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