

HUNGER FOR CHANGE

NEW BUSINESS. NEW LIFE.

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Dear Pastor or Missions Coordinator,

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?”

Isaiah 58:6

Rising food and fuel prices will push over one billion people into famine or malnutrition this year. Hunger is on the rise and Christ calls us to step up and loose the chains of injustice.

Did you know that microcredit plays an important role in reducing poverty? Many of the world's poorest people have entrepreneurial instincts and work long hours with few resources – yet their ideas for small businesses remain impossible dreams.

The Sharing Way (TSW), CBM's relief and development department, is working with people to achieve their dreams of a better life. This year, TSW Annual Project focuses on microcredit in Angola, Bolivia, India, Kenya and Rwanda.

TSW has developed a variety of models for microcredit development to encourage small business creation for those in poverty. The income from these small businesses greatly improves the overall quality of life for all participants and often, for the community as a whole. The enclosed 'Hunger for Change. New Business. New Life.' brochure, bulletin insert and poster will assist you as you promote TSW Annual Project. Sermons, Sunday school lessons, small groups studies and church fundraising activities will help you engage your church community in the life changing issue of microcredit and hunger. Please visit www.cbmin.org for supplementary material, such as a stats sheet on microcredit, a children's lesson and fundraising ideas for the whole church.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing thesharingway@cbmin.org.

We need your church's support. By raising much-needed funds for TSW Annual Project, your church becomes a lifeline in microcredit projects that help families work toward self-sufficiency. Help people help themselves. Make a commitment to the poor by standing in solidarity with those that need it most – a powerful witness of the hope we all share in Christ.

Blessings,



Gordon King
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