

**“Good
will come
to him
who is
generous
and lends
freely.”**

Psalm 112:5

HOW THE TENTMAKER PROJECT WORKS

The Micro-Loan program was started in 1999 to boost the fledgling micro-enterprises of members of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda. The goal of the program is to develop responsibility and ability of member families to care for their own needs and contribute to those in need (Eph. 4:28).

Over 150 loans have been granted, averaging about \$250 each. Recipients repay their loans to revolving funds, which are used to underwrite subsequent loans. Recipients report increased business activity that is profitable, assisting with family expenses such as medical and schooling of children, and their churches report increased tithes and offerings.

The TentMaker Project is funded by churches and individuals. It is directed by a board of church elders in the USA and a committee of church elders in Uganda. Reports are given to the US Board, and the Director visits and examines the Ugandan operation, conducting training seminars on site at the recipient churches. Contributors in the USA pray for the Ugandan family to whom their donation has been loaned.

The 2005 budget for these micro business loans was \$44,800. The TentMaker Project budgets 5% of undesignated gifts toward administration in the United States, 5% towards administration in Uganda, and 90% towards loans to PCU members.

ENDORSEMENTS:

“The genius of this program is the way it works through the local church.”

Bruce Sinclair, MTW missionary in Uganda

“The TentMaker Project is a strategic ministry for Uganda and a model for economic development through all of Sub-Sahara Africa. Its community emphasis and training for national church leaders are both culturally sensitive and key for a self-sustaining church.”

Dale Hollenbeck: MTW missionary in Uganda



“We appreciate all your efforts to develop the congregations in Uganda through the TMP. Our congregations have really had some level of growth and we

would pray that we can have more support in this project and see how our people can become self sustaining. We love you and God continually bless you all.”

Bob-Gad Kalyowa, Pastor, Luweero Presbyterian Church, Uganda

“We really appreciate your Labours for the concern of those who are called by the will and the Grace of God... I pray that with God’s guidance we shall be... wise stewards of God’s funds. Greet those Who love Christ and Love us for His Name.”

Deacon Richard Kallibbala, First Presbyterian Church of Kampala, Uganda

“We’ve had the privilege of supporting the work of The TentMaker Project from the beginning. I heartily endorse the concept and this ministry: TMP gets “more bang for the buck” than any mission organization I know of!

Tony Casoria, Pastor, Center Grove Presbyterian Church (PCA), Edwardsville, IL

THE TENTMAKER PROJECT (TMP):

- Provides an efficient way for Christians to help the poor without creating dependence,
- Alleviates poverty to answer family needs,
- Ministers mercy through the church with economic development, nutritional and educational services, and
- Equips impoverished Christians and churches for Gospel ministry.

CHURCH-BASED MERCY MISSION:

The TentMaker Project grew out of a friendship between a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) as they brainstormed together about how to address the situation of poverty in Uganda. The result is a mercy mission whose board consists of current and past elders at the PCA church in Carbondale, IL, and whose accountability structure includes members of the Central Presbytery of the PCU and diaconal committees of the following PCU churches:

- First Presbyterian Church of Kampala
- Kajjanzi Presbyterian Church
- Kitintale Presbyterian Church
- Luweero Presbyterian Church
- Mutungo Presbyterian Church
- Nakitokolo Presbyterian Church
- Nakumba Presbyterian Church

We have also been invited to develop a similar partnership with the Western Presbytery of the PCU and with the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Kenya.

WE INVITE YOU TO USE THE TENTMAKER PROJECT AS AN ARM OF YOUR CHURCH TO LEND TO THE POOR:

1. Browse our website:

www.TentMakerProject.org

2. Pray for us:

Email tmp1997@juno.com for a list of prayer requests!

3. Get on the mailing list:

Write us to receive quarterly mailings with updates on the news and needs of The TentMaker Project.

4. Schedule a speaker:

Consider inviting one of our speakers (listed below) to your church for a Sunday School class, prayer service, or mission conference.



Wyatt George, TMP founder and director, has been a pastor in the RPCES and the PCA for 35 years. He has fascinating stories to share and a wealth of Bible teaching.



Nate Wilson, Organizing pastor of Christ the Redeemer Church in Manhattan, KS, shares from 16 years of mission research and teaching with the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, Caleb Project, and The TentMaker Project.

Call 618-684-8160 to schedule!

The TentMaker Project

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How do you lend to the poor?

