



MULTIPLIED IMPACT

Peris—a former illegal brewer is now a Bible School student and Chairwoman of over 800 Women of Change.
PHOTO CREDIT: Drew Shaffer

WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

Remember what it felt like to set up a long line of dominoes and then tip that first one over? This is impact being multiplied, and I feel like we are experiencing this kind of momentum right now in the ministry!

One chief who helped over 150 people from his village attend an ELI training told me that **he has seen more transformation in his village in the last 12 months than in the last 12 years!** Those who came for training are now impacting thousands of others. **Reformed brewers like Ruth, Peris, and almost 1,000 others who were once law-breakers are becoming village-wide leaders, Bible School students, caring parents and even church planters!** Over 100 of ELI Children’s Home graduates are now in Kenyan colleges, universities, and workforce – bringing light and hope to others as they move out of the Home and into the villages and hearts of new communities.

This reminds me of the woman who encountered Jesus in John 4:28 and then left her water jar behind to rush and tell others. **Soon the whole town came to see** and likewise were changed. They said, “We no longer believe just because of what you said, NOW we believe for ourselves!” (v.42) We see that one woman of little reputation was inspired by God and then impacted her entire town. Jesus then said, “Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”

“WE NO LONGER BELIEVE
JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID,
NOW WE BELIEVE FOR
OURSELVES!” JOHN 4:42

These are very important days to **multiply the light and hope God gives to us in our world.** The updates that I receive from our ministry team all over East Africa are pouring in at such rapid rates it’s hard to keep up and I’m excited for you to read through this report: training among the poor, care for orphans, water wells in suffering places, life changing education in D.R. Congo slums. God is on the move in a special way and **your actions of prayer and support are creating a far-reaching, ever-expanding domino effect that is empowering lives for now and eternity.** *Thank you!*

Empowering lives together,

Don Rogers
Founder / International Director





NEW LIFE...

The story of Emmy and how her life was changed—then multiplied

PHOTO CREDIT: Sarah Ponce

By Don Rogers with contributions from Sarah Ponce & Val Roark

CHEBIWYO! CRAZY WOMAN!" People would scatter to avoid her and others would beat her openly. Her life was hard even before her husband died. His weekly beatings crushed her self-worth and when he passed on, her brokenness turned to so much anger that **she would wander and wail loudly through her village** in unending drunkenness. Her five small children suffered from constant neglect and preferred not to see her. **They begged her to stop brewing and selling alcohol** which had turned their mud home into an illegal brewing den filled daily with dozens of alcoholics.

Peris, a reformed brewer, showed Emmy a door of hope that eventually led her to a week-long ELI training. The transition out of drinking and poverty was not easy for Emmy but her new relationship with God and other Women of Change (reformed brewers) helped her step-by-step until her renewed concern for her own children led her to start a Sunday School outreach! **Now she is not only planting food with her new skills but planting a church with her new found friends and love of God.**

Last year there were a handful of children who used to walk with her over 5 miles up the mountain to the closest church. Now over 50 children gather near her home to hear her lessons. Around a dozen adults are now coming and they often bring corn cobs as a tithe.



Emmy was even recently elected to be one of the community elders – a person of wisdom and positive influence. People are still amazed at the miracle of change they see in her life, children, and leadership. **She is no longer "Chebiwyo!" Today they call her "Mchungaji" which means "Pastor."**

Your gifts and prayers helped make this possible. You are the catalyst in this process to provide life-changing programs to thousands of people who, like Emmy, had lost hope. Thank you! We celebrate the new life that she has found and invite you to help reach others hoping for the chance to discover new skills and the love of God.

YOUR CARE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

FOR PEOPLE LIKE EMMY.

Help bring change to another life and family.
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A photograph of a smiling man and woman in a crowd. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a blue headscarf with yellow flowers and a brown top. They are both looking towards the camera with joyful expressions. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

MULTIPLIED!

Multiplied Impact explained and celebrated!

Benedict and Josephine's home has turned into a wonderful agriculture resource center benefiting countless other families.

By Don Rogers with contributions from Christina Shaffer

She fed her day-old chicks Kenyan cornmeal and he used half the fertilizer on his corn because that is what they saw their parents do. Unfortunately, half information can do more damage than good. **"My People perish from lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6**

ELI International Extension Trainer Isaac Ruto shares that, "Poverty stems from the passing of wrong practices from one generation to another which is one of the greatest barriers to development for millions of East Africans." With over 12 years of education and training experience, Isaac has war-torn and tested teaching that makes sense to the suffering and is always delivered humbly but with a passion that makes you eager to improve.

As good as Isaac and the material he teaches is, it is the current model for multiplication that makes the ELI Extension Training Program so powerful and unique—capable of reaching thousands rather than hundreds. This cost-effective strategy has been focused on the training of 24 men and women across six East African countries using intensive short courses and strategic follow-up meetings for the

past two years. Each student first successfully applies what they have learned at their own home and then train ten other neighbors who each train five additional families. In time, their home can become a certified Agriculture Resource Center or "ARC". Each ARC becomes a volunteer training location where the practical knowledge for dismantling poverty is shared. Isaac emphasizes, "The more the rural communities can generate sustainable income through practical training integrated with Biblical principles, the better East Africa will be."



Viewing the garden with ELI Extension Trainer Issac Ruto

Benedict and Josephine know exactly what Isaac means. For over two years now they have been engaged with Isaac, gaining knowledge which has changed the course of their lives and family farm. **Where there used to be no vision, there is now abundance that attracts** neighbors, school buses filled with kids, and government officials who are all eager to see and learn from them.

Benedict shared that, "What I have gained from ELI is knowledge that works which has strengthened me holistically - body, mind, and Spirit. I am not just a student of ELI...**I AM ELI!** What I mean is, **I am empowering lives!** And gaining these skills that I can multiply into others has made all the difference."



MULTIPLYING WATER SOURCES

The people of Nyashimo recently shouted together “Maji ni Uzima!” “Water is life!” as the next well drilling is underway. To date, your gifts have helped ELI and the “Mighty Men” drilling team in Tanzania to establish 20 fresh water wells where sickness and suffering once prevailed. **Before year-end we are on target to help 15 more villages receive clean water.** With the discipleship training our drilling team recently went through, the team is even more excited to help quench people’s thirst both physically and spiritually.



RECOVERY & RECONCILIATION MULTIPLIED

Addiction is serious and destroys lives, families, and community progress. **Celebrate with us the joy of seeing over 20 men complete the three-month ELI Recovery Program** AND remain sober for more than six months following. That is the time when we call the families and men back together to CELEBRATE RECOVERY and encourage them to attend future ELI trainings where they will be equipped to reach and help others come out of their bondage. The ELI rehabilitation team is ready for YOU (and a Celebrate Recovery group) to partner with people and communities in Kenya so that more can be set free and empowered.

YOUR LIFE CAN BRING MULTIPLIED IMPACT

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D.R. CONGO - A BLESSING RETURNS

An orphan named Furaha graduated from the ELI School in the slum of Bukavu, D.R. Congo where 600 children attend each year. She is now a teacher herself and with new income and a new fiancé she recently returned to the school with three objectives. 1. Being an orphan herself, she asked if the school leadership would stand with her during her wedding, where her parents would have normally been. 2. **She asked to pay the school fees for another orphaned child in need.** 3. She asked to pray once again and thank God for people like you who helped to make the education and care that she and hundreds of others receive possible.



CHILDREN’S HOMES - JOY MULTIPLIED

JOY is being multiplied as children are finding a home and family in the two Children’s Homes for orphans in Kenya! Because of your care and the addition of new sponsors, **we celebrate the 46 new children brought into the family this past year** and also the 36 additional high school graduates who headed off to college! Two university children (Gladys and Vincent), together with Veronica (lead counselor), visited the USA last summer and inspired us all with their powerful testimonies of change and desire to impact others in need.

MULTIPLIED IMPACT ON U.S.

As we serve with you to bring empowerment to the people of Africa, each of us is likewise impacted in important ways! We discover we are part of a Spirit-led family made up of people from here and Africa who are building a better world that honors God.



WOMEN OF CHANGE

Val Roark with Peris and Ruth

I feel so excited to be a part of ELI as a volunteer! I did not know that such a trust between African women, the ministry team, and myself would be possible. There is an openness among the people we serve, and to witness government officials saying that ELI has training models that they hope to emulate is **a powerful sign that there is so much more ahead.** When a ministry has the kind of momentum and impact that ELI has, I feel privileged and do not take these moments of being a part of the team lightly. I hope that others will support the ministry to see how big God is when He changes a life that others might consider hopeless.

Val and Rick Roark live in Lake Elsinore, CA and help coordinate the Women of Change program in the USA. Get involved and feel the joy of empowering women in Africa. Email: WomenofChange@empoweringlives.org

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your care brings a life-saving difference to an orphan or family in need.

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GIVE - Your gift is greatly needed right now to move **this unique momentum forward even more!** New villages are opening up for ministry and even more people are hoping for the empowerment they see taking place in others. Change a life or community:

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Recurring Gifts are vital to help sustain the ministry.

Imagine: with only \$30-\$35 a month, YOU can transform the lives of four families each year, feed and educate two children in the D.R. Congo, or help sponsor a child in an ELI Children's Home!

Write "Multiplied" on the envelope or **comments** when you select "recurring gift" and **receive a beautiful hardwood ink pen** made by kids in our Homes.



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