



# WOMEN OF CHANGE

IF YOU WANT TO EMPOWER A FAMILY, GO FIRST TO MOM.  
IF YOU WANT TO EMPOWER A VILLAGE, GO NEXT TO HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

## THE CONTEXT

Farms across East Africa are failing.

Men resort to drinking moonshine because they are ashamed they can't support their families.

Women begin brewing moonshine to capitalize on the rising demand.

- **Families are breaking apart**
- **Children are neglected and abused**
- **Husbands and wives become enemies**
- **People are dying**



## THE TRANSFORMATION

There is a program rooted in life skills, Jesus Christ, and leadership development that is flipping the script for thousands of families . . . and it starts with mom. Ruth was the most notorious brewer in her village. Her name was posted at the chief's office as the "most wanted criminal." A deal was struck, and in exchange for jail time she could be trained in alternative business skills. If she stood strong and did not brew for six months, her record would be wiped clean. Ruth attended a five-day training at Empowering Lives International's training center near Eldoret, Kenya.

## "MOST WANTED CRIMINAL"

Not only did she learn how to bake bread, raise chickens, plant a tree nursery, grow passion fruit, and start bookkeeping records, but she also learned that she was made and loved by God Almighty. Along with 42 other women, Ruth gave her life to Christ. She returned home, destroyed her brewing equipment, and picked up a shovel. She worked her land and planted the beginnings of what is now a six-acre diversified agribusiness. For the first 18 months she was a day laborer who would dig ditches and level hillsides under the hot equatorial sun for other farmers

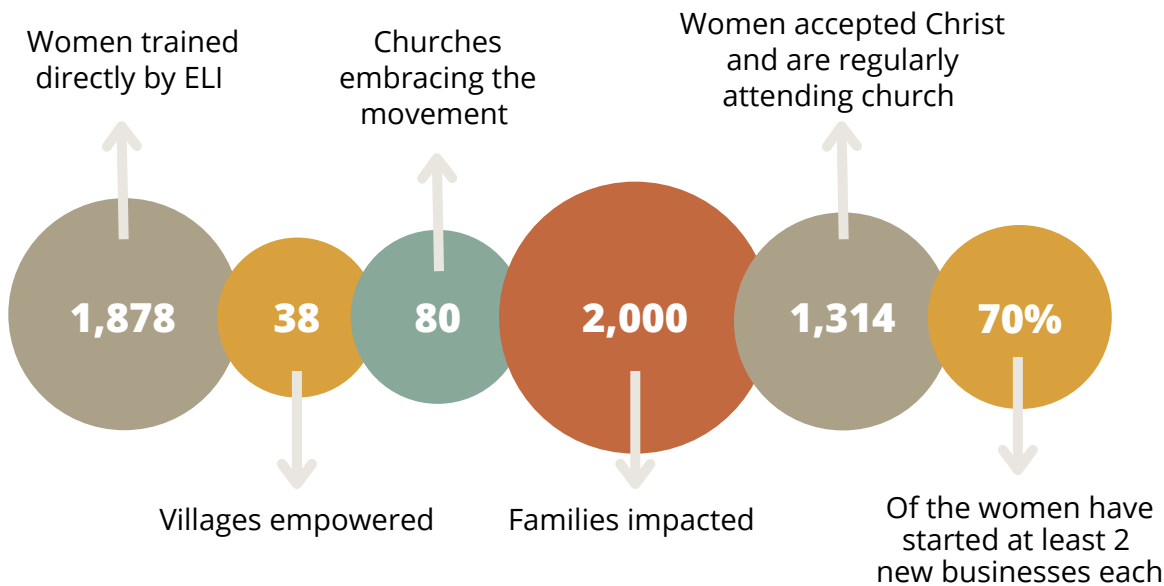


and families. She committed before God and her community that she was done brewing. Five years later, she is now the sitting chairperson among 27 elected community elders. She is in charge of 5,000 people, runs six different businesses, has helped plant multiple churches, and leads women's groups for current brewers who want to follow in her footsteps. From the most wanted and notorious criminal to the most wanted and sought after motivational speaker in the region, Ruth's story and the multiplied impact she's having are changing the course of history for thousands of families.

**"WHATEVER THE NUMBER IS THAT YOU'RE COUNTING IT'S AT LEAST THRICE BECAUSE THOSE BEING IMPACTED ARE IMPACTING SO MANY OTHERS." - GOVERNOR TOLGOS**

Transformation is made possible through relationships. Impact multiplies through effective leaders. Empowering Lives International focuses its energy on the coaching and mentoring of emerging leaders. People in the most desperate situations have the greatest potential of becoming the most effective World Changers. This is because their personal testimony and 180-degree turnaround send shockwaves throughout a community. Their change is so unbelievable and unimaginable that everyone takes notice.

"It's impossible" is a common saying when people hear about a zero who has become a hero. Those are the stories movies are made out of, books are written about, and legends are born from. Participating in those narratives is what gives meaning, purpose, and value to life. Journeying with these World Changers is what legacy is all about.



Thousands of people have decided to follow the example of the 1,800+ women like Ruth who left everything they knew to seek after the Kingdom. These incredible risk takers opened locked doors within their communities and fathers, mothers, and children are eager to experience the fulness of the Kingdom of God.

Moreover, they are ready to soil their hands and do the heavy lifting to usher in freedom, release, and empowerment into their village(s) so that God's reign is experienced on Earth as it is in Heaven.



**PRAY FOR WOMEN OF CHANGE**

- Pray that strongholds of addiction are supernaturally broken.
- Pray for courage and faith to rise up in their lives.
- Pray for a hunger for the gospel of the Kingdom.
- Pray generational curses and limitations are broken off their families and communities. Pray for a boldness to disciple others in the ways of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for transformation in their identities as sons and daughters of a loving Father.
- Pray that food security, family healing, and health can become a part of their village life like never before.
- Pray for the husbands who are more committed to their drink than to the welfare of their families—that their eyes would be opened and hearts changed, That they would be willing to join the ELI program for alcohol recovery and support their wives to learn new skills.

**"THE WEAPONS WE FIGHT WITH ARE NOT THE WEAPONS OF THE WORLD. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE DIVINE POWER TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS. WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION THAT SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST."**  
- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-5