

Right Sharing OF WORLD RESOURCES



Samson Ababu, Kenya Field Representative



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Samson Ababu, Field Representative for Right Sharing of World Resources, is visiting the United States for several weeks during April and May 2013. Samson will be talking to Quaker meetings, committees, and individuals about the work of Right Sharing in Kenya, and, in particular, how microcredit transforms the lives of women and their families. Microcredit is not without challenges, so Samson will also be addressing how women – working in groups – support each other in order to solve problems and help ensure success.

Microcredit has proven to be a successful tool for women in developing countries to move from lives of survival to lives of sustainability and hope. Studies indicate that women are very successful in repaying their original loans, which is attributed to their ability to work well in groups. Much of their success also stems from their commitment to improve the lives and futures of their children and the greater community in which they live. Many women who have built a sustainable business as a result of a small loan have also become strong community leaders, mentoring other women and helping reduce discriminatory practices against women.

Right Sharing of World Resources was founded as a committee of Friends World Committee on Consultation in 1966; in 1999 it branched out to form its own non-profit status. It has never deviated from its core mission as a microcredit organization that supports grassroots income-generating projects led by women, many of whom are making less than a dollar day. Right Sharing currently has projects in Sierra Leone, Kenya, and India.

Samson will be joined with Betty Tonsing, General Secretary of RSWR who has extensive experience working with women in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East while working with the United Nations, USAID, Catholic Relief Services, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and as a Fulbright Scholar.

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