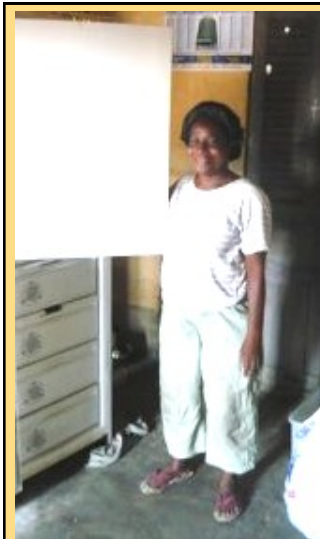


SOCIAL JUSTICE: KIVA MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

"The thought of global poverty can be overwhelming. What could you or I possibly do about the millions of struggling poor in Africa, Latin America, Asia, or elsewhere? The problem can seem so large, so impossible, that we don't know where to begin and doubt that we could even make a difference. I have often felt this way. Yet this past week I have felt like I can personally make a difference, thanks to our Social Justice Committee and its work with an organization known as Kiva...I have never before encountered such an easy, sustainable way to help those who are working their way out of poverty."

— Rev. Manish Mishra, June 2010



Mrs. Marie Agbélessessi Akue is a Kiva/UUCCH recipient. She is a widow with 3 children who lives in Togo. Mrs. Akue has much experience selling water, ice and juice. She requested a loan to buy a refrigerator for her business. Mrs. Akue would like to make enough profit to cover her children's school fees.

The UUCCH Kiva team loaned her \$25. Her loan is now fully funded.

Kiva's **mission** is to connect people—through microlending—to help alleviate poverty. By combining microfinance with the power of the internet, Kiva enables individuals to lend to entrepreneurs in many countries across the globe, who might otherwise not qualify for loans.

YOU choose who to lend to—whether a baker in Afghanistan, a goat herder in Uganda, a farmer in Peru, a restaurateur in Cambodia, or a tailor in Mongolia. As the borrower repays the loan, the funds are reimbursed to your account and you can reinvest in another entrepreneur. It's a powerful and sustainable way to **empower someone right now to lift themselves out of poverty.**

The UUCCH Kiva Lending Team was formed in October 2008 with a dozen individual members of the church and friends. As of mid August, 25 members on the UU Kiva Lending Team have made 169 loans for a total of \$5,175.

In the spring of 2010, the Social Justice Committee joined the UUCCH Kiva Lending Team to honor the life of member/activist/friend, David Kalkstein, by putting memorial funds to work in the wider world. In keeping with its focus on "Violence Against Women," the Social Justice Committee has used half of the memorial funds to make Kiva loans to 26 women entrepreneurs.

To encourage other UUCCH members and friends to explore Kiva for themselves, the Social Justice Committee is making available the other half of the funds—\$1,200—in the form of challenge grants. By joining the UUCCH Kiva Lending Team and making a loan (\$25 minimum), you will be eligible for a one-time match of up to \$100 for a loan to a woman entrepreneur.

If you want to make a loan and get the matching funds, you can shop online for an entrepreneur of your choice (Kiva is online at www.kiva.org), join the UUCCH KIVA team, and send confirmation of your loan to the team captains, Bill Abrams and JoAnn Sager, at kivaatucch@gmail.com. Kiva does not accept checks, but you can make a check payable to "Kiva at UUCCH" and the Social Justice team will make the loan on your behalf.

If you would like more information, or help with signing up, or using PayPal, stop by the Kiva Demonstration Booth at Coffee Hour on Sunday, Oct. 10.

— Social Justice: Kiva Lending Team

