



Ice Cream Freezers, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and YOU!

Does a hand operated ice cream freezer have anything in common with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? The answer could be Yes! That depends on how it is used.

Helping hungry people is a priority at SIFAT. As disciples of Christ, our mandate is to help the poor. But we don't do that by giving a handout or making beggars out of people. We respect the worth and dignity of every human being. **Our call is to train Christian leaders of needy communities in simple technologies which help them develop to their fullest potentials.**



Augustus Kasaija and John Brown Okwii, both of Uganda, learn techniques of raising fish.

One of the exciting classes taught at SIFAT is **microenterprise**—teaching skills and ideas to enable people to work and make a living. When a friend of SIFAT suggested a hand powered freezer to make ice cream to sell, the idea was greeted with enthusiasm especially from those in tropical countries where hot weather made ice cream a very popular item. Some students took an ice cream freezer home and found that selling ice cream enabled families to afford to send their children to school.

Learning to take care of honeybees has made a difference in the world for a number of communities who now, even though not wealthy, have pulled themselves out of extreme poverty by selling honey. **Animal husbandry** includes classes on raising small animals that can help in a family's struggle to survive. The classes in **raising fish**, which Auburn University helps us give, are of inestimable value to those from countries where water resources are plentiful.

Many students who come to SIFAT work in areas far from medical care, so they learn how to prevent disease and how to address health threatening situations. Learning first aid and how to promote safe childbirths are lifesaving skills. Learning nutrition and how to fortify foods with iron and vitamins through leaf concentrate can greatly impact child malnutrition in a sustainable way. Other **health needs** are addressed with training in how to make inexpensive reading glasses and how to set up a lab in remote areas to test for malaria and other tropical diseases.

Urban gardening holds special promise for many landless poor to be able to have nutritious family gardens on their rooftops. Drip irrigation and other sustainable agricultural practices help improve food production in rural areas.

SIFAT has a number of **low cost technologies for clean drinking water and sanitation**, including sustainable technologies for drilling wells and pumping water—everything from a hand pump to a windmill. A bicycle pump can irrigate a garden and produce more food.



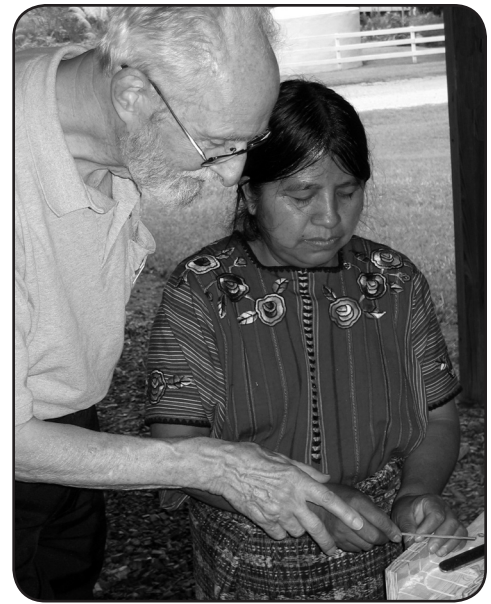
Sarah Ramaih, of India, teaches other women how to combat malnutrition by fortifying traditional foods with concentrated leaf protein.

Smoke in the kitchen is the fourth largest risk factor for death and disease among women and children in the developing world. SIFAT teaches the latest technologies in **constructing cookstoves** which use little firewood and greatly reduce smoke, protecting health and preserving the environment.

We believe there is no place in the United States than SIFAT that better prepares Christian workers to follow the teachings of Christ to help the poor. We have students from Africa, Asia and Latin America praying for scholarships to enable them to come for training in September.

We can obey the last command of Jesus to take the Gospel into all the world by sending nationals who have been trained to help desperate people know Christ and then develop physically and spiritually in their communities as they become all their Creator made them to be. **Will you help us sponsor one of these Christian workers for training at SIFAT this fall?**

The complete 10-week training costs SIFAT \$3750 per student. You can give partial scholarships for \$500 and send nationals who already know the language and the culture back to their own people as missionaries. For the last 29 years, SIFAT has proved that this method of helping the poor works. Our graduates have gone back to work in 80 countries around the world. **YOU can change the world for many people by sponsoring a Christian leader to study at SIFAT!** *All contributions are tax deductible.*



Dolores Lopez, of Guatemala, learns how to make low cost reading glasses from Dr. Eugene Koning. This is a vital link for adult literacy programs in her village.



Eva and Sara Mamani, of Bolivia, and Lidia Monterroso Romero, of Guatemala, learn how to bake on fuel efficient cookstoves. Firewood is a major issue in both countries.

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