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You Make Me Smile

By Vickie Reynen, Kenya

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I first got to know Teresiah when we traveled together to a women’s retreat in western Kenya. She brought laughter and lively conversation to the van. And a big smile!

Teresiah lives her faith out loud. She never lets the struggles she faces (and there have been many) get her completely down. She’s determined, with the Holy Spirit helping her, to stay strong in her faith and to be a witness and an encouragement to others.

She recognizes the ability, talents and opportunities God has given her and takes advantage of them. Teresiah has a knack for business, and over the years she has built a business for herself that has turned around her family’s economic situation. From a small vegetable stand, to selling bananas, to getting her diploma in education, then on to teaching AND operating a small used clothing business, Teresiah has consistently used good business skills and invested wisely. Now her family is benefitting. Her two boys, Justice and Peter, are healthy and thriving. Her husband, Pastor Lubunga, works in the shop when Teresiah is teaching at the Mathare FM School.

Teresiah is a hard worker and with just a little assistance from Women’s Ministries International (through small business loans/table banking) has been able to make a change in the health and well-being of her family. And she’s using that platform to encourage other women in the church and in the community to stay strong ... to trust that with God’s help they can make a difference in their life and the lives of others. Teresiah leads by example — taking advantage of opportunities that others might fear – to benefit her and her family.

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