



# Right Sharing of WORLD RESOURCES

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## New Beginnings

There is joy in planting seeds. We don't know what the harvest will be, yet with God's love and guidance we move forward. Our faithfulness brings many gifts, some that we know about and others that are invisible to us.

In 2008 Pandiyammal Sadasivam joined a RSWR women's group in her village in India. She received a loan to grow her business and train other women in traditional methods of masala powder preparation. This RSWR partnership and seed loan was a new beginning for her, and for her family and community. She dreamed of her granddaughter becoming a doctor. As life unfolded, her granddaughter completed degrees in Dentistry and Public Health. This past year, Ms. Sadasivam's granddaughter, Abi, joined the RSWR team as a Country Coordinator. Abi is living testimony of a seed planted with RSWR support over 15 years ago. Now Abi is joyfully planting seeds to help transform lives.



Dr. Abinaya Murugesan (Abi)  
and Jackie Stillwell

I am delighted to experience the enthusiasm, hard work and accomplishments of Abi and the rising leaders at RSWR. Programming this year expanded to include a year of preparation and three years of follow-up with women's groups in Guatemala, India, Kenya and Sierra Leone. The educational opportunities for right relationship programming are also growing rapidly. We are shifting our understanding of equity in terms of wealth distribution, to equity in terms of quality of life for our human family throughout the world.

Serving as General Secretary, my life is being transformed in countless ways that I deeply appreciate. However, now it is time to share this opportunity with someone new. Are you, or someone you know, called to this ministry? For more information go to: [www.rswr.org/careers](http://www.rswr.org/careers)

We are a growing organization with a heartfelt and relevant mission. Thank you for being part of the Right Sharing family.

With God's abundant love,



Jackie and Sarah with rising RSWR leaders. Front row: Sallian Sankoh, Ruth Bueso, Dr. Abinaya Murugesan, Eva Ramirez, and Pauline Andisi Musinga. Back row: Sibella Swaray, Sarah Northrop, and Jackie Stillwell.

### PARTNERING WITH WOMEN IN COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

GOD CALLS US TO THE RIGHT SHARING OF  
WORLD RESOURCES, FROM THE  
BURDENS OF MATERIALISM AND POVERTY  
INTO THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE,  
TO WORK FOR EQUITY THROUGH  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR HUMAN FAMILY  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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## Share Your Stamp Story:

Jan McVay, of the United Society of Friends Women International, recently shared her stamping experiences with the next generation.

Jan says: "I spoke to my son's 5th grade class about the stamp project. I showed photos from my 2010 trip led by RSWR Kenya Country Coordinator, Samson Ababu. I talked about Right Sharing and how saving used stamps is a fundraiser.



"It opened the eyes of some of the students. A few are even starting to bring in stamps!"

## Stamping for Dollars



Members of the stamp team left to right: Kim Kiser, Deb Goodchild, Amy Perry, Brad Jackson, Ed Morris, and Kathy Rhyne.

In 2023 the stamp team received **315** stamp donations from **282** people. **105** people gave stamps for the first time. In addition to the United States stamps were received from Canada, France, Finland, and Japan. **55** Quaker Meetings sent in stamps this past year!

If you'd like a receipt for your stamps donation, please send an email or phone number with your donation.

Check out the stamp team's new website at: [www.indyfriends.org/stamps](http://www.indyfriends.org/stamps)  
Learn more about the program at: [www.rswr.org/stamp-program](http://www.rswr.org/stamp-program)



## SEEKING GENERAL SECRETARY

WHO WILL:

- JOYFULLY EMBRACE RIGHT SHARING'S WORK AND MISSION
- PROVIDE SPIRIT-GROUNDED SERVANT LEADERSHIP
- EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THE ORGANIZATION

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## Building Partnerships

Recently Right Sharing visited with Quaker Pennswood Village residents in Newtown, PA who banded together to fund a women's group in Kenya. The residents received a report on the Andingo Support Group and an article was written about the visit by Norval Reece:

Will Reid, an active member of the Pennswood Village Right Sharing group, said, "This is a terrific report. Through their own efforts and small financial loans, these women are dramatically improving their lives, and those of their families, while simultaneously building sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with others in their surrounding community. I believe micro-loans are the strongest instruments we have to ...help achieve a more just world."

For the RSWR project, the women took up six different businesses: fish mongering (since they are close to Lake Victoria), buying and selling cereal grains, secondhand clothes and shoes, vegetable and fruit stalls, milk vending, and grocery kiosks selling essential goods like sugar, salt, soap, flour, and cooking oil. After six months, they report that the project is going well. Almost all of the women have been able to repay their first loans and have now taken second loans.

Serfina Akinyi is a widow with 6 people to take care of. She sells omena, which are small, dried fish that are in great demand, as they are a cheap source of protein. Before the RSWR fund arrived, she had a stock of Ksh.2,000 (\$14), but after funding, her stock is now worth Ksh.18,500 (\$132). She says, "I thank RSWR for considering us for these funds. It has helped me increase my stock, and hence increase my sales. I can now guarantee that my family has something on the table on a daily basis, and also, I am paying school fees for my children."

The Pennswood Village Quaker group must think the micro-lending projects of Right Sharing of World Resources have "a big impact for each dollar invested," because shortly after receiving the six-month report of their funded group in Kenya, they responded with enthusiasm and promptly agreed to raise an additional \$6,500 to fund a new RSWR group in India, Kenya, Sierra Leone or Guatemala.



Andingo Support Group Member Serfina Akinyi

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—WILL REID

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## INVITE RSWR TO YOUR MEETING

“Our meeting invited Jackie to do the “Power of Enough” workshop with us in 2022 and then we decided to sponsor a project in Guatemala. Ruth and Jackie visited Broadmead in 2023 and people were very happy and excited to meet with them.”

—SALLY WEAVER SOMMER, BROADMEAD FRIENDS MEETING, LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING



Broadmead Friends in Ohio with Guatemala Country Coordinator Ruth Bueso (far left) and Jackie Stillwell (far right).

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