



Post Harvest

Potato Chips Anyone?

Following the leadership of Asia Committee Chair (and Board Member) Shiv Murty, one of our technologies, potato processing, has seen renewed interest. The recent return from India of Purnima & Bibek Ray has brought the need for several development opportunities to our attention. These include how to make thinner shoestring potato chips; how to overcome some of the grinding problems associated with potato processing and what opportunities are there for expanding the geographical reach of this technology. The potential is great, the technology is proven, how we refine and distribute remains the question.

Who Wants a Free Grinder?

We are getting very close to selling our 100th Omega VI grinder of this year. What an accomplishment everyone!!! As a way of saying thank you for your support, we have decided to give away the 100th Omega ordered. Who wants it? If we do not reach 100 this fiscal year, the last grinder ordered by June 30, 2007 will be half price. So don't hold your orders for later this summer...get them in before June 30. Going once, going twice....

Largest Omega Grinder Order Ever

We have just completed a shipment to The North West Synod of Wisconsin ELCA of 25 Omega VI grinders. This is the largest single shipment of these grinders ever completed! These grinders, all destined for Malawi, are part of the NW Synod's Companion Church program. We owe a special thank you to Diane Kaufmann, the Coordinator of the program and a very good friend of CTI, for working to make this order come together as smoothly as possible.



Diane and CTI volunteers start the Omegas on their journey to help improve the lives of many in Malawi.



*These grinders WILL NOT BUST!
Ready to be consolidated in Stewart, MN*

Program Operations Committee Update

The POC (as it's come to be known) has met twice in the past month to tackle the enormous job of helping to fashion a financial budget for fiscal year 2008 which begins in just a couple of months. Initial requests for projects would have put the new year's budget over \$130,000 in the red! The committee deliberated and prioritized all requests. The result has produced a much more balanced budget while preserving the important services that we are known for. Well done, POC!

Please Track and Report your Volunteer Hours

Each year, CTI is required to record in its audit, the type and amount of volunteer hours performed. Volunteer hours are categorized as work that CTI would normally have to pay for if it were not provided by a volunteer. We have a form available to help you do this (on our website or you can request one via e-mail). In addition, at each committee meeting, the person that calls the meeting should be passing around this or a similar form to record the volunteers present. Remember, anything you do at home, CTI or any other location counts towards CTI Volunteer Hours. Please submit this information to Anne-Marie monthly. In addition to any monetary donations you make to CTI, you may be able to deduct the mileage you put on your car for activities related to CTI Volunteer activities. See link to this IRS publication on our website or [click here](#).

Technology Committee Seeks 3 Volunteers For Special Projects

Please contact [Rolfe Leary](#) if you can assist with any of the following three short-term projects:

- 1) Write a clear narrative on how to hook a grinder to an electric motor. Estimated 2-3 hours at CTI and home/office. Need to have thorough knowledge of motors.
- 2) Sort through and label the CTI collection of vee belts. Experienced person might need 2-3 hours.
- 3) Fabricate a new wood stand for the Meadows Mill burr grinder, a classic stone mill that we need to refurbish.

The Perfect Father's Day Gift

Does dear old Dad need another tie? I bet not. But I bet he would love a cap or golf shirt with the CTI logo on it. Don't forget about our new clothing and gift items. You will be supporting Compatible Technology International with your purchase, as we will receive 20% of the purchase price of all products. There is a link on the Compatible Technology International website or you can go to the website directly from here: compatibletech.fundnetstore.com. And don't forget you can help support CTI through your purchases at many other on-line retailers – go to igive.com/CTI – or use the link on the Support Us page of the [CTI website](#).

Funding Still Needed!

This has been a pretty rich year for CTI fund raising activities. Starting with our very successful Gala last June, several Evenings of Discovery, unique gifts coming our way, memorials and honoraria, and December contributions – all have helped to bolster our ability to increase our impact upon the world's poor and hungry. As you may know, our fiscal year ends June 30th. While this has been an energetic fund raising year, we do need some “last minute help” to balance our budget. The way it looks right now, we could end up several thousands of dollars “in the red”. Could you seriously consider a “year-end” gift right now, *perhaps in honor or memory of your dad (or mom)*? You may make a donation [on-line](#) or may send any amount to the CTI office or use a credit card by calling the office (address and phone below). Thank you!

Meeting Date Reminders

Committee meeting are held at the CTI office (directions are on the website) and anyone is invited, meaning you're welcome to come even if you aren't a committee member!

America Committee	July 9 th – 4:30-6pm (2nd Monday of every other month)
Africa Committee	June 12 th – 4:30-6pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)
Asia Committee	June 17 th – 3:30-5pm (3rd Thursday, every other month)
Technology Committee	May 19 th and June 16 th – 9-11:30am (3rd Saturday of every month)
Board of Directors*	June 19 th – 4:30 pm (3rd Tuesday every other month)

*Please contact Board President [Rob Scarlett](#) if you would like to attend the board meeting.

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