

## Communion in Action

The following comments come from some of the 7,000 people and families around the world whose role in the EOC project is to share their needs, always within a relationship of substantial reciprocity. These people choose, as do all participating in the EOC, to be part of the worldwide network of the EOC. They have overcome their reluctance to let others know their financial needs with an openness as precious as the openness of those who decide to share their financial resources.

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### I No Longer Hate the Rich

“The financial aid that I received allowed me to conclude my studies and to discover from the inside an EOC business. Since then, I have reconsidered many of my previous attitudes. Before, I had a deep hatred for rich people. I thought that they didn’t care about the poor and that they only cared about themselves. Today, I understand that love put in practice in a business changes everything.”

—**Philippines**

### Never Thought I’d Have to Ask

“Since the operation to help people in need began, I always contributed with great joy. I never imagined that one day I would find myself among those in need of help. This year I cannot give my contribution; I can only communicate my needs with the certainty that in God’s eyes both sides have the same value: both are ‘giving’. I experienced that I am part of a big family in which sometimes we give and sometimes we receive.”

—**Brazil**

### Refugees

“We helped a mother with 6 children to have their passports re-issued, after she had lost them during her escape from Congo. They now emigrated to Canada and she sent a letter with a few dollar bills saying, ‘With this I want to tell you that I found a job and I can share the little I have with you.’”

—**Tanzania**

### School and a Sewing Machine

“Thank God for the care that He provides for my 3 children and for me. Thanks to the aid that arrives regularly, I could send my children to school and buy a sewing machine. This enabled me to work and take care of my family after my husband died.”

—**Colombia**