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Greetings,

I am Erin Milner, a previous resident of Orange County and alumni from the University of California, Irvine. I am now a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana and have been here for 19 months. I have taken on a number of projects, but my primary focus has been working with women's groups and shea butter processing. There has been a growing market for shea butter recently as it has become a highly valued ingredient in cosmetics and confectionery products. Shea trees grow in limited areas and the demand for nuts from northern Ghana is increasing. The women's groups I work with have been making shea butter by hand and storing nuts to sell locally for generations so are experienced in the field. To produce the quality and quantity of butter that the market demands, however, machinery is needed. Therefore, I have created a PCPP for funding to purchase machinery and a facility to house the equipment for a women's co-operative based in my village. I would like to ask for your organization's support in advertising and/or donating to this project (link below). If you could let me know what opportunities are available and inform me of any resources that may be beneficial to this endeavor I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,
Erin Milner
U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Ghana
