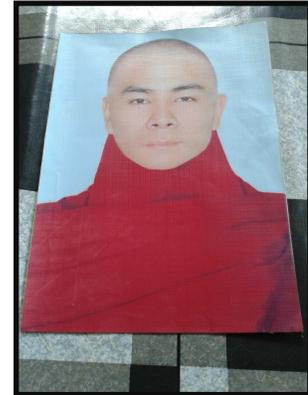


## Small Loan / Big Success

Yousha served in the Buddhist temple for many years. When he finished his commitment to the temple, he returned to his village as a Buddhist monk. There, he reconnected with some childhood friends who had been attending the local Bible college. Because they were old friends, it left the door open to friendly conversations about religious differences. He confided in his friends that he had uncertainties about his own religion and was curious to learn more about the Bible. His friends requested permission from the Bible college to have Yousha attend classes with them. Yousha began attending immediately and in his second semester committed his life to Christ, believing that Christ was the son of the one and only living God.



While attending Bible college, Yousha met a girl named Sophie and he fell in love. At first Sophie was apprehensive about being with Yousha because he was from a tribal group that had a history of conflict with her people, but she came to believe that God had brought them together to do good, so she agreed to marry him and they later gave birth to a son they named Jacob.

Yousha's family was very upset with his decision to follow Christ and marry a woman who was from a rival group of people. They told Yousha he was not welcome to come home and that he would need to find a way to live with his decisions. Yousha and Sophie moved into a shack that sat on top of a mosquito infested swamp. They went to the church to beg for rice and for formula to feed Jacob. Yousha was very discouraged and ashamed that he had to beg for his families survival.





When one of our indigenous partners heard about Yousha's difficult situation, he told Yousha he knew of an organization that could help him find a means to support his family. After a brief interview, our partner learned that Yousha received training to make flavored juice and dish soap while he was serving in the Buddhist temple.



Our partner recommended a \$300, one year loan for Yousha to start a micro-enterprise that would produce and sell his product. After reviewing the business plan and sampling the product, PSA approved the loan and partnered with Yousha in his endeavor to find a livelihood for him and his family.

Yousha began to sell his product. Working hard for 8 months, he peddled his product to restaurants, hotels and roadside stands. His juices were well liked and his dish soap was effective and affordable. He sold so much product that he was able to repay the loan in 8 months. He also had enough money to invest in livestock and even had enough to offer support for a local orphanage.



It is through micro-loans such as this that PSA is alleviating poverty and empowering the poor to be independent, self-confident and self-sufficient. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these micro-loan partnerships, please contact us by [clicking here!](#)

***Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV) Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.***

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