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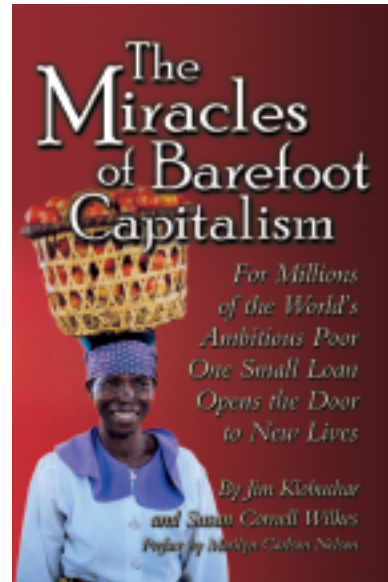
The Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism

by Jim Klobuchar and Susan Cornell Wilkes

If you could pick one tool, one movement with the goal of emancipating the poorest women on earth, microcredit would be that phenomenon.

-Marilyn Carlson Nelson

This is the story of a stunning liberation movement in the world today. This movement is microcredit. It has no enemies, causes no injury, and is lifting millions of people into the sunlight of new lives. *Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism* is the dramatic story of microcredit and the empowerment of hundreds of millions of people around the world, the vast majority of them women. It is the story of the poor who have pulled themselves out of poverty and built small enterprises with the help of tiny loans. The story of microcredit and the millions of lives it has uplifted, has the power to enlist the good will of those people seeking ways to make a difference in their world.



While the book's heroes are the energetic poor, just as absorbing are stories of those like Scott Hillstrom, a Minneapolis lawyer who nearly died in a highway accident. In gratitude for survival, he made a vow that resulted in the creation of 27 tiny bush pharmacies in Africa that have saved the lives of many children. Here you will also meet members of the Oswald family of Minnesota, who experienced something unforgettable when they looked into the faces of Bolivian people to whom they had given, but knew nothing of their lives.

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The authors of this book, Jim Klobuchar and Susan Cornell Wilkes, brought to their marriage a mutual belief that millions of the world's poor and voiceless people have the same ambitions and dreams as the prosperous and need only opportunity to pull themselves out of poverty. The microcredit movement has dramatically demonstrated its power to do that.

Jim Klobuchar wrote a popular column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune for 30 years and has been a familiar figure in Twin Cities television and radio and as a public speaker. He now writes periodically for the Christian Science Monitor and also manages and leads an adventure travel organization that takes people to the Himalayas, Kilimanjaro, the Inca Trail, African wildlife preserves and elsewhere. He is the author of 19 previous books ranging from collections of his columns to adventure, pro football and spiritual transformation.

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What the Reviewers say

THIS COMPELLING book bears the print on every page of the thorough study and first hand observation by Jim Kloubuchar and Susan Wilkes of microfinance at work in impoverished countries. It is filled with stories of hope and will forever change your attitude about helping the poor!"

--Polly and Robert McCrea, Board Directors, Opportunity International.

POOR PEOPLE can be trusted. Give them access to a little money to start. They might amaze you. This book helps people see the dignity that comes from small loans.

--Muhammad Yunus, managing director, Grameen Bank.

AS THE AUTHORS note, if a social evangelist had a choice of picking one tool, one movement with the goal of emancipating the poorest women on earth, the microcredit phenomenon wins without serious competition.

--Mari Lynn Carlson Nelson, CEO, the International Carlson Companies.

Here is a strong case that microcredit programs can really make a difference in the lives of millions of poor people around the world. The book gives you a bonus. It's a first rate read.

-Tom McBurney, Board Member of Freedom from Hunger.

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