



## Mama Chilbanda's Peanut Butter

**New Peanut Butter Grinder  
with Cheetah's Help**

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**Mama Chilbanda**



Today learn about a Tanzanian woman who is industrious and diligent. An entrepreneur who has increased her business's capacity with the help of a loan through Cheetah. Meet Mama Chilbanda. Hear her story and learn of her great heart and compassion for needy young women.

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**Mama Chilbanda and  
Cecilie**

**Greetings to all our supporters and friends,**

Our hope is that you all had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones. As we enter the holiday season we would like to take the time to fill you in on some of the progress Cheetah has made, due to your support and prayers. Today's newsletter is just one of the many successes that we are blessed to share with you.

*Note: This issue of the Cheetah Newsletter comes from Cecilie Hansen, a Cheetah volunteer from Denmark working in Tanzania*

### **Mama Chibanda and her Peanut Butter**

Mama Chibanda is a 54 year-old Tanzanian woman whose boundless energy and happiness is so powerful that it is contagious. She is an entrepreneur who runs her own business: Chi Products. The products made in her small factory are of high quality and one hundred percent natural- especially her peanut butter that I can easily call the best in all of Tanzania.

I spent the last week working with Mama Chibanda. I expected to be initiated with the old methods and secret ingredients, but it turned out, there were no secret ingredients or old methods. Each product, be it peanut butter or garlic paste, is simple and pure. The list of ingredients can always be counted on one hand. I was given a vividly colored piece of fabric called a 'kanga' that was tied around my hips and I was put right to work. All smiles, Mama Chibanda handed me a basket of peanuts and she told me to start sorting, roasting and peeling. There is a lot of loving and patient hand work required in her factory.



Mama Chi has two house girls, Tina and Ossy, who help her with the production. Mama informed me that they came from unstable homes so she has made it her responsibility to help them find work to pay for their education. Tina is 21 and enjoys working with Mama so much that one day she intends to own her business in the food industry herself, just like Mama Chibanda. Ossy is younger, 18 years old, and Mama hopes she will become a tailor as she once was. Not only does Mama run a bustling business, but she is

also teaching these girls how to make a living for themselves. When they are both finished with school, Mama wants to find two new girls who are interested in the food or tailoring business, so she can teach them the needed skills, while continuing to help them through school.

Peanut butter, garlic paste, chips, cakes and porridge flour provide Mama Chibanda with so much more than a livelihood. They allow her to help girls just like her find purpose in a society where purpose is scarce, especially for women. But beyond the production and greatly needed income there is a palpable sense of love, respect and friendship between the staff of Chi Products.



New peanut grinder

Cheetah Development has provided Mama "Chi" with a loan that allowed her buy a new peanut butter machine. The machine she was using before was an old, complicated, rusty Ugandan relic that would break down every few minutes and at times fail completely. It used to take Mama Chibanda three hours to produce fifty kilos of peanut butter and due to failures her production had almost ended. Today, with the help from Cheetah, it takes her fifteen minutes. The production has become easier and faster, which allows her to expand her dreams for her business. Right now she is selling her products in six regions in Tanzania, but she tells me that she would like to expand the business outside of Tanzania's borders. She is currently so busy

providing to stores in Tanzania that that goal remains distant.

It is inspiring to see Mama Chibanda working so hard to achieve her lofty goals. In Tanzania, most people do not believe it is possible to make so much of oneself, especially women. Yet Mama Chibanda, Ossy and Tina do not feel such restrictions. It is a blessing to know such people.



Be part of the lives of people who overcome odds and serve others. We particularly thank, credit, and lift up Matt Blackford, an engineer volunteering for Cheetah in the USA who found the machine and managed the shipping process. Aspire to be another of those people who support Cheetah, giving joyfully to make work like this happen. You too can make a difference. And we need your help more than ever.

## Now is the time to respond

Now is a crucial time in the execution of our projects. Crops are being purchased from farmers and stored in safe preserving warehouses. Elements of our unprecedented integrated health care plan for co-op farmers are finalizing. The food preservation work is about to begin...and more. With your continued help we will keep progressing. God does His work with the aid and resources of His children. Prayer, time, your resources or talents...all are needed. It truly is in God's court. Please do not hesitate. Act now.

There are a few ways to contribute. You can visit the website [Cheetahdevelopment.org](http://Cheetahdevelopment.org) and contribute now. If you have questions about investment opportunities or donations you can call Tina Freeman, Director of African Development at 612-720-5431. Or you might chose to make your check out and mail it directly to:

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Peace and Blessings.

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