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Through the gospel literacy program, Fatu not only learned to read and write, but she also learned about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Before joining the Church, Fatu struggled to support her family. Now she has developed skills of self-reliance and runs her own business making and selling beautiful handmade rugs. She also serves as the Relief Society president in her branch.

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Before I joined the Church, I tried to make money selling handmade rugs, but I didn't have money to buy material. I used to tell people, "If you want a rug, go buy your material and bring it to me; then I will make it for you. You can pay me when I'm done."

Now that I'm here in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have learned about self-reliance. The Church has given me more endurance to learn to read, write, speak, and try to do something for myself to be self-reliant. Now I go to the tailor's shop and ask for the leftover scraps they cut from the clothes and leave on the floor. I buy the scraps for a small price and use them to make my rugs. I now sell more than I ever have before.

Since I joined the Church, my life has changed. I have gone from zero to hero! I'm proud of Jesus Christ and I'm proud of His Church. I'm so thankful for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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