

God Provides for Us

Majuli is the world's largest river island in the world and is home to 150,000 people. The island is shrinking due to erosion. Scientists thought the island would eventually disappear. But something amazing is happening! Jadav has been planting trees there since 1979. He started with just a few trees and now there is a forest on Majuli. The more trees Jadav planted, the more seeds they produced and the more he could plant and so on. Jadav has planted so many trees the forest is bigger than 15 football pitches! The forest is home to a huge variety of animals and plants. Jadav's work is also saving the island for everyone who lives there. The tree roots hold the earth together and slow down erosion, creating hope for the future.

Jadav's trees are protecting the land, the animals and the livelihood of those who live on the island. Together we can be like Jadav and his trees!

God wants us to have a similar effect in our community. It took Jadav many years of patient work to plant a forest. The more he worked, the bigger the forest became and the more seeds the trees produced. Jadav worked hard and faithfully. As he did so God provided what he needed from the trees themselves.

As we work patiently and consistently to care for our community we can be sure that God will provide for us. In the Bible, in Matthew 6:33, Jesus tells us not to worry, instead he says we should, "...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

2 Corinthians 9:11 says, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" resulting in us and others giving thanks to God. We can be sure that God cares for us and that he knows exactly what we need. Remember how the land, the animals and all the people who live on Majuli were blessed by the forest Jadav planted. So too when we trust God and are generous with our money, resources and time others will be blessed and will thank God!

Every community has people in need and God has given us the means to help them when we trust him and work together with him!

Put it into Action!

This is a great task for anyone to do whether you meet in a Life Group currently or not. What specific needs do you know of in your community and how can you act like Jadav? What has God given you and how can you use it to make a difference? This difference can be even greater if you and your Life Group do it together!

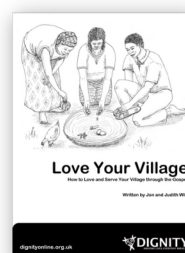
Pray that:

- 1) God will show you how he has provided in your life.
- 2) You will see opportunities to help your community.
- 3) God will help you to take action just like Jadav.



Over the last 2 years, Miyambo and his Life Group have given away 12 pigs and 4 goats to families in need in their community! He says, "Previously the people didn't have any animals, but when we started Love Your Village we decided to come up with a plan to help others. It's carried on, it's just going on. Our plan is that we want to reach up to a cow! We encourage people that when the animals mature they give a baby away as well. Two people have done this now. These people sometimes need help, especially when they need a shelter for pigs, we work together with them."

- Miyambo, Zambi



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