

Using the Right Tools

If we want to make a difference in our village, it matters how we do it. We need to use the right tools.

Think about a tree. For a tree to grow, it needs water, sunlight, and soil. Everything it needs is already around it. If a tree refused what was around it and tried to get what it needed from far away, it would struggle to grow. It might even die. But when a tree uses what is already there, it grows strong.

We are the same. We often think we need something from outside—more money, more resources, more support—before we can make a difference. But this is not how God works.

1 Timothy 6:7-8 says, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”

We are reminded that life is not built on money or possessions, but contentment with life and God. Money, things are not the tools that bring change.

So what is the right ‘tool’? The answer is simple: people.

The people already in your village are the ‘tool’ God wants to use. The relationships you have, the time you can give, and the willingness to walk with others—these are what bring change.

As we gather people together, we form what we call a Life Group. In this group, we share the message of Jesus and help one another in practical ways. We care for those in need, stand with those who are struggling, and help people come to know Him.

The opportunity is already there. There are people around you who need hope, who need help, and who need to know Jesus. The issue is not a lack of opportunity—it is whether we are willing to step into it.

This is how the Kingdom grows in a village.

And it starts with people who are willing. It starts with you.

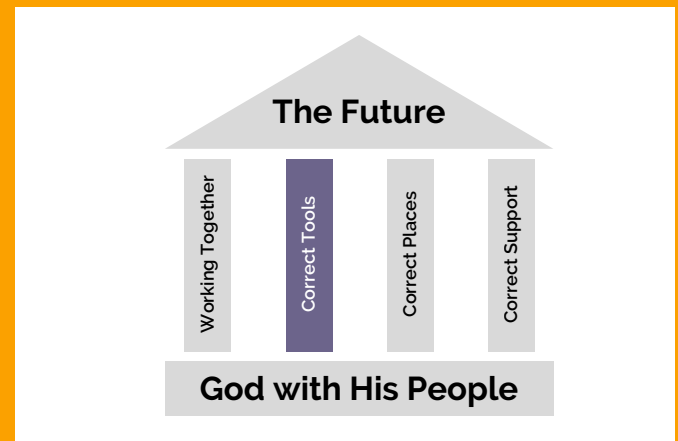
Put it into Action:

Look for a challenge or problem that your village faces.

- With your Life Group, or others from the village, think about how you could respond. What can you do with the people, skills, and resources you have?
- As you plan, make sure you both help meet the practical need and look for opportunities to share the message of Jesus with those involved.
- Then take a step. Put your ideas into action and begin to serve your village together.

Pray that:

- 1) God will show you the people, skills and resources you already have.
- 2) God will highlight a need or situation to respond to.



Learning about Life Groups, and seeing how God uses all people, changed how I lead. I'm always looking at each person's role, trying to notice what they're good at. I often see potential in people that they don't see in themselves. One example: a girl on a course in 2024 wasn't yet born again, but I could see she was a strong communicator with real potential as an evangelist. When she believed, she was shy at first — but as I walked alongside her, she grew in confidence, and by the end she was teaching Dignity courses herself.

- Laston, Zambia

Maybe you're asking:

How do I see the potential in people?

Talk to God in prayer about how he sees different people. Choose to trust that God can use each person.

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