



Hand Tool Shortfall

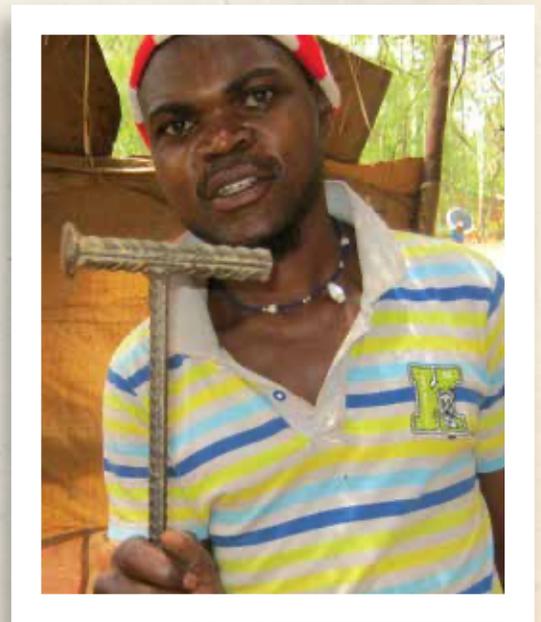


In Senga Bay, beside the crystal blue waters of Lake Malawi, retired technical college teacher Wadson D. Sumani, and his wife Judith, are living a frugal life. Spending little for themselves, they have committed themselves to helping others. They have remodeled part of their home into a woodworking workshop to train young people in the art of carpentry. With a meager number of hand-tools he spends his days training 10 or 12 students to make a career from carpentry.



Two hundred and eighty-five kilometers (177 miles) south of Senga Bay is the small trading center of Thondwe, and the Thondwe Carpentry and Joinery Shop. Owned by Lawrence Chimwala, he shares a common goal with his fellow Malawian in Senga Bay. Both men are focused on using their talent and experience to train the next generation of Malawians to become professional carpenters. Both men also share a common problem, that of having insufficient, and an inadequate number of hand tools to help young people get a start in business. Even in their own efforts they do not have an adequate number of simple hand tools.

Several years ago, a Malawian businessman visited the U.S. for the first time. In his excitement he unknowingly highlighted the tool shortage in Malawi when he visited the tool section of a local Lowe's store. Looking at all the tools lining the aisles he said in amazement, **"There are more tools in this one store than we have in our entire capital city."**



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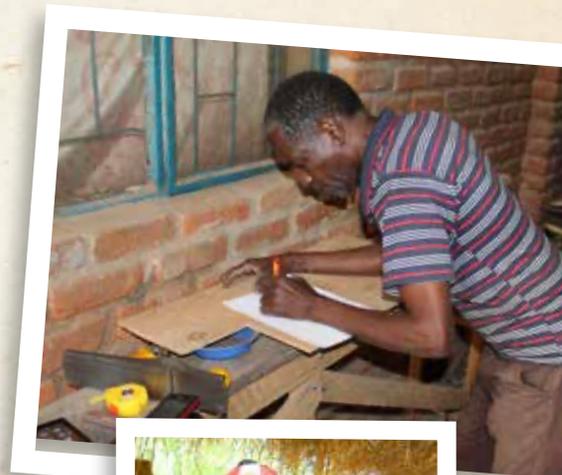


The Malawi Project has sent close to \$300 million in aid to this tiny African nation over the past 30 years. It has a well-organized program for the distribution of supplies to the places they are most needed most, and where they will accomplish the maximum good. People in first world nations often have several hand tools gathering dust, (hammers, saws, screw drivers, and the like). New tools have been purchased, and the old ones are no longer needed. However, it is hard to dispose of something that still has a value.

You can help an individual or small business group in Malawi to become self-supporting through your donation of hand tools. Whether it is a relative new hand saw, hammer, pair of pliers, or a couple of screw drivers these simple tools can make a difference.

Wadson Sumani, at the training workshop in Senga Bay sums up the situation, **"We must do things to keep children busy. If we don't, (he uses his hand to gesture toward the village), they will be out there with their friends drinking and smoking chomba (marijuana) and getting in trouble"**.

This same principle applies to men and women throughout the nation. Whether it is to have a way to feed their families, have a job that keeps them out of trouble, or just the need to do something of value, you can help them to be successful.



LIST OF TOOLS NEEDED

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| Block Planes | Pry Bars |
| Box Cutters | Sawhorses |
| Clamps | Screw Drivers |
| Hammers | Shovels |
| Hand Saws | Tin Snips |
| Hacksaws | Tool Kits |
| Hatchets | Trowels |
| Hose Clamps | Square |
| Levels | Rubber Mallets |
| Measuring Tapes | Sledgehammers |
| Picks | Wire Cutters |
| Pliers | |

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