

## Dignity's Story – Amazing Lives, Everyday Miracles

### Pioneering | People | Working Together

Dignity was formally incorporated in October 2007 with the Objects of the promotion of the Christian faith through the enabling of Christian discipleship and evangelism and the practical and effective relief of poverty and suffering.

What began with a team from the UK and 5 Zambian pastors in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia is now a movement with 900 village **Life Groups**, led by volunteers, serving an estimated 18,000 people<sup>1</sup>. Life Groups are community based, non-partisan, Christian discipleship groups that encourage unity and community action in response to the gospel message. We have developed a network of local support and built up **Impact Teams**, groups of 3 or 4 people working as missionaries in their province. They teach people to plant Life Groups and provide ongoing support to existing groups.

Jon and Jude Witt, Dignity's founders and pioneers, split their time between Zambia and the UK. Our work is most mature in Zambia where an expanding team of volunteers, supported by the Zambian leadership team grow the work of Life Groups. Life Group movements are taking root in Tanzania, Kenya, Namibia and the DRC driven forward by volunteers. A small team of employees work from the UK to provide central support, with additional help from volunteers.

Together, we work to equip people to live **amazing lives** and be part of **everyday miracles** as they walk ever closer with Jesus and share him with their friends, families and neighbours.

The following are words from our 10-year vision, written in 2019:

***"Imagine half a million Life Groups releasing the God-given potential of millions of people to pioneer and work together. Countless people would be set free from poverty of mind, body and spirit. Nations would be transformed. This Kingdom movement could not be ignored. Its impact would be seen on a national level and beyond."***



We believe that God will use the people who live in a community to bring his life and hope to that place. This means that we are always looking for the people responding to God's call within a community, people like Miyambo.

Alcohol had a strong hold over Miyambo's family. His nephews drank regularly causing distress and poverty for their wives and children. Miyambo's sister made and sold local brew to earn a living. When Miyambo began a Life Group, he invited them and others from the community.

*'As I went through the materials and as I taught them bit by bit, my nephews have found peace and received Jesus Christ as their personal saviour and have stopped drinking. This has brought peace to their homes according to their wives. My sister stopped brewing beer.'* ~ Miyambo



For these families, discovering faith in Jesus and being part of a Life Group community has brought peace and freedom from poverty. Responding to God's instruction to love our neighbour the group has also begun to rear animals and give them away to families in need. In the last 2 years they have helped 16 families by giving away 12 pigs and 4 goats!

**We walk alongside Miyambo and others like him to help people to know Jesus and fight poverty together.**

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<sup>1</sup> We estimate the number of Life Group members based on 20 members per group.

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