



Thank you for giving the gift of a ripper

A farm tool may not seem like an instrument of abundance. But successful farming brings enough food to eat, improved nutrition, stabilized income, and land conservation—that sounds like abundance, for sure! **The ripper is an essential part of World Renew’s efforts to support Zambian farmers’ secure abundance for their families.**

Agriculture is key to a community’s thriving. World Renew offers agricultural training and support in many developing countries. Where it’s possible and effective, World Renew promotes conservation agriculture, whose main principles are minimal tillage, organic fertilizer, and crop rotation. These techniques maximize food production while protecting farmers from increasing climate challenges and preserving land for future generations.

The ripper is a one-bladed plow that results in the minimal tillage the land needs. Traditional hand-hoeing results in a “hardpan,” a layer of packed soil that prevents plants from deeply rooting. But a ripper creates a deep trough, or “rip,” that allows for the planting of seeds, the addition of manure as fertilizer, and the absorption of rainwater. This method avoids overtillage that depletes moisture and destroys organic material.

As populations grow across southern and central Africa, so does the demand for food, placing a growing burden on the land. Traditional farmers find that there is now a need to adopt new practices to provide enough food for themselves and to conserve the land for the future.

In Zambia, Jericho Nyirenda struggled to support his wife, Jane, and their six children by farming their 10 acres of land. Using a hoe as his only way to break the soil, it was backbreaking, unproductive work. When Jericho began training with World Renew and a local Christian partner, he started implementing new techniques like applying manure as fertilizer and using an ox-drawn ripper. Now Jericho farms over 17 acres and successfully supports his family with enough food and income.

THANK YOU

“... I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.”

—John 10:10