

*Tools*

# FOR SELF RELIANCE

practical help for  
practical people



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worthless to you ...**

A blacksmith, Renatus, is shown in a workshop setting, wearing safety goggles and a dark blue shirt. He is using tongs to hold a glowing red-hot piece of metal over a large, green-painted anvil. The background shows a grassy area with various tools and equipment.

## They may look worthless to you ... but to us they're priceless!

We enable skilled people in Africa to earn a living by providing them with good quality hand tools and sewing machines which we source and refurbish in the UK.

Renatus used to dream about being a blacksmith. But he didn't have the tools to earn a living, so his children couldn't attend school. Renatus and his family remained trapped in poverty. Then Tools for Self Reliance stepped in, and with the help of our local partners, gave Renatus the tools he needed to set up a small workshop in his village.

His new anvil and other tools helped him improve the quality of his ox ploughs. This is good for the local farmers and good for Renatus, as he now earns a proper wage. He can pay for his son Alkado and daughter Colleta to go to school. He is even able to reinvest a small profit in his business and take on trainees. This ensures that he and the wider community have a future they can look forward to.

None of this is possible without your donations of tools. Next time you're turning out your workshop, garage, attic or shed, think of Renatus and his workshop and the many more people like him who would benefit from your tools.

# Renatus doesn't have to dream any more

## Yes please!

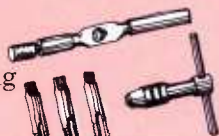
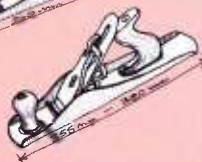
We welcome donations of good quality tools for woodworking, metalworking, blacksmithing, building, shoe repairing and tailoring.

We are particularly short of the following:

Anvils and blacksmith's tools  
Arc welders (240V, not MIG)  
Metal jackplanes and tryplanes  
Combination planes  
Metric taps and dies  
Tailor's shears



Large crosspoint screwdrivers  
Metric rules and tape measures  
Industrial quality power tools (240V)  
G-cramps  
Sash cramps  
Heavy duty footpumps  
Heavy duty screw car jacks  
Hand grinders  
Large carpenter's vices  
Good quality carpentry, metalworking  
and building tools



Sewing machines (but must be one of the following):

- Singer round-bobbin hand operated
- Fully working modern multifunction electric models
- Singer round-bobbin treadle machines in good condition

Haberdashery and cloth



Our requirements sometimes vary so if you're not sure it's always better to check with us first. Disposing of unwanted and unsuitable items costs us money.

Please check before organising a collection on our behalf and before buying tools for us.



# Sorry, no thanks

We don't send the following tools:

## Garden tools

We don't send garden tools to Africa because this undermines the blacksmiths we support. However we sometimes sell them on to raise much-needed funds in the UK. So please check with us first before donating your garden tools.

## Domestic quality power tools

Computers, typewriters or other office equipment

## Electronic equipment

Machinery/machine tools (except by special arrangement)

## Hardpoint saws

Imperial rules/measuring equipment/spanners

Nails, screws, nuts and bolts

## Medical equipment

Straight stitch electric sewing machines

**We cannot use poor quality or disposable tools, or tools that are broken or worn out. It costs us valuable time and money to dispose of these items.**

For people in Africa with skills and drive, a good set of tools can help them earn a living for themselves and their family.

Tools for Self Reliance gives practical people in Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi and elsewhere in



Africa the chance to take control of their lives and build their communities by giving them the tools and training they need.



All the tools we send are collected, refurbished and packed by volunteers in the UK.



We need top quality hand tools for metalworkers, woodworkers, mechanics, electricians, builders and leather workers. We also need Singer round bobbin treadle or hand sewing machines, and electric zig-zag machines in good working order.

"African people have great skills, initiative and energy. They work so hard to develop their communities and their continent, against such heavy odds. But you cannot work with bare hands."



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

## Tools for Self Reliance:

- enables people in Africa to work their way out of poverty by providing them with the tools and training they need
- has learnt from the experiences of working in Africa for over 25 years
- works with local partner organisations to ensure the people we support have a stake in their future

### Yes, I want to help

- I would like to donate tools to Africa
- I would like to make a gift
- I would like to become a volunteer

Here is my gift: £

### Please make cheques payable to **Tools for Self Reliance**

I am a UK taxpayer. Please claim Gift Aid on my donations

Signature:  Date:

Name:   
Address:

Telephone:  Postcode:

Email:

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