I NEED ELECTRICITY IN MY HOUSE TOO. SMOKE FROM THE LAMP AFFECTS MY SON’S CHEST.

NYUNDO,
YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS!

MORE MONEY
FOR MY SISTER’S
SCHOOL FEES …

NYUNDO!
COME REPAIR MY RADIO.

OK!

THANK YOU, NYUNDO.

YOUR RADIO IS FIXED.

NEEMA HAS EXAMS SOON, IF ONLY WE HAD ELECTRICITY FOR HER TO STUDY AFTER DARK.

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FINALLY, YOU’VE DECIDED TO CONNECT ELECTRICITY TO YOUR HOUSES LIKE THE REST OF US?! YES, NYUNDO IS USING TAPE TO FINISH UP THE WORK.

TIME TAKES ITS TOLL ON THE CONNECTIONS; NEGLECTED AND EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS, THEY GET FRAYED AND COME APART IN A GREAT EXPLOSION.
QUICKLY, THE PEOPLE RALLY, SACRIFICING EVERY DROP OF WATER TO FIGHTING THE FIRE.

WE'RE OUT OF WATER!

BUT WE CAN'T GET IN!

THE FIRE IS INSIDE!

THE CALL GOES OUT FOR HELP . . .

DESPERATE, THEY SEARCH OUT THEIR LOVED ONES, CALLING OUT FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND WORK TO RESCUE THEIR LIVES' POSSESSIONS FROM THE INFERNO.

THAT WAS A GOOD SERMON.

GOOD SERMON? BUT YOU WERE SLEEPING!!

TIME FOR OUR RECESSIONAL HYMN . . . HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

I LOST MY HOUSE IN THE FIRE!!

I DONATED THE GOAT. DIDN'T YOU GIVE THE BALE OF UNGA?

YES BWANA PESA . . . IT WAS ONLY RIGHT FOR US TO EAT MORE. WE DID AFTER ALL GIVE THE MOST.

DON'T THE SCRIPTURES SAY HE WHO GIVES SHALL ALSO RECEIVE?

WE SHOULDN'T FORGET OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY TO THE LESS WELLOFF . . .

LET'S PRAY . . . LORD, HELP US FORGET NOT WHY YOU DIED ON THE CROSS, SELFISHNESSLY.

I CAN'T FIND A JOB

WHAT WILL MY CHILDREN EAT?

MY SICK CHILD. I HAVE NO MONEY FOR TREATMENT

DURING THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, I DID NOTICE MANY PEOPLE DID NOT GET ANYTHING TO EAT. ONLY A FEW GOT TO EAT THE GOAT.

TODAY'S SERMON COMES FROM THE PASSAGE WHERE THE LORD SHARED BREAD AND WINE DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER.

A FEW DAYS LATER AT A CHURCH SERVICE . . .

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK, MCHUNGAJI.

THANK YOU DHAHABU. BEFORE YOU GO, I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING ... 

WHY WAS IT PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE DISTRacted?

WHERE WAS GOD? DOES GOD CARE FOR THE POOR?

MCHUNGAJI, WHERE IS THE JUSTICE YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT?

I WASNT GOING TO MENTION THIS, BUT PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES, PLUS A FIRE JUST RECENTLY DESTROYED LIVES.

MY SISTER, YOUVE GIVEN ME A LOT TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT ...

DHAHABU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HONESTY.

OH, GOD!

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE NEEDS OF MY CONGREGATION!!!

MY HUSBAND, WHATS WRONG?

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ADDRESSING THE REALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
The first thing I want is to remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice.

What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love.

God wants us to work for social justice as well.

Now I understand.

Outside Zipporah's house...

Later...

Oh Lord, thank you for speaking to us. Help us rally the people to work for justice in our community.

They say it was their power connection that caused the fire!! That Nyundo installed it... it's all his fault!

Tomorrow I will visit members of the community.

I will come with you, my husband.

We are so sorry for your loss, Zipporah.

Last time I saw her she was going to Mama Irene to play. That's where she died in the fire.

That Nyundo installed it... it's all his fault!
MY HUSBAND, I’LL STAY BEHIND TO SPEAK WITH ZIPPORAH SOME MORE.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR RAGE. IN TIMES LIKE THESE IT IS EASY TO PLACE BLAME, BUT THE SITUATION IS COMPLEX...

I LOST MY HOUSE IN THE FIRE. I AM RUSHING TO GET A LOAN FOR A NEW HOME. ALLOW ME TO GO.

I AM VERY SORRY. I HOPE YOU GET THE LOAN. I’LL CALL YOU.

IS THAT DHAHABU SELLING VEGETABLES?

HELLO DHAHABU ...

SINCE OUR LAST TALK, I HAVE BEEN PRAYING AND SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES.

HELLO, NDUGU! WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH?!

IS THAT DHAHABU SELLING VEGETABLES?

HELLO DHAHABU ...
DID YOU HEAR? THE PASTOR HAS CALLED FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING!

WORD GOES ROUND...

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS FINDING SOLUTIONS...

MCHUNGAJI, THAT IS MY SON, NDURURU. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR HIS SCHOOL FEES...

SEE WHAT OUR YOUNG ONES ARE FORCED INTO? A TRAP BETWEEN BACK-BREAKING WORK AND EXPENSIVE EDUCATION.

IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING! WILL YOU HELP MOBILIZE PEOPLE FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING?

WANGU, ARE YOU GOING FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING?

WILL YOU GO?

YES, I WILL GO! I WONDER WHAT THE PASTOR IS CALLING FOR?

MAYBE... I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

SAFARI, ARE YOU COMING FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING?

WHAT'S THE MEETING FOR?

WE WANT TO COME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN CHANGE OUR LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

IN THAT CASE, I WILL COME.

AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING...

THANK YOU FOR COMING. BEFORE WE START, I'D LIKE US TO TALK ABOUT THE FIRE...

NYUNDO, PLEASE COME JOIN US.

NO WAY! GET HIM OUT OF HERE!

HE MUST PAY!
Many of us here benefited from Nyundo’s services. True Mchungaji, but we were little people, we don’t know anything.

I’ve called this meeting so we can start the hard work of repairing our frayed connections. See each other, feel each other, work towards shared solutions.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. The Mother’s Guild supports this.

I propose that we start a buyers’ cooperative. Buy together to reduce the cost of food and energy.

Let’s think about starting a campaign for better working conditions.

As your representative, I will support your work. I ask you to keep me faithful to this promise.

Let’s begin creating the community we want to live in.

We need to stop feeling inferior, to stop saying we are alone.

This is an open forum. Let’s speak up. Remember, every voice counts.

I am going to ask that we start a community bank—a fund from which to borrow at good interest rates to advance our businesses.

We need to establish our own media, radio and website to provide better connection and interaction, and to share knowledge and information.

So do we agree to work together, leave our fractured past behind and build our tomorrow?

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We must work to keep our community clean. I also ask that you attend our health clinics: don’t wait too long when you are ill.

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We waste too much effort fighting each other instead of working together.

Beyond the talk, tomorrow, let’s start rebuilding the houses the fire destroyed.

I want us to think a little about this...we waste too much effort fighting each other instead of working together.

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Now that you’ve had fun reading the story, think about and discuss these things:

- How do our actions affect those around us?
- How do our actions affect our environment?
- If someone does one wrong thing, are they a bad person?
- Does true giving need any reward?
- Is it better to think for yourself or to follow the crowd? Which will lead to better decisions?
- Do you take responsibility for your mistakes or do you seek to shift the blame?
- Can we achieve more when we work together?
- Is it possible to do the wrong thing for the right reason, for example, to help someone you are responsible for?
- Is revenge the best way to deal with injustice?

As individuals we can work together to fight poverty, and governments can do it by following the MDG goals. What’s that, you say?

Look at our poster!