



FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

—1 Peter 4:10

When mired in extreme poverty, physical or emotional, it is understandable to think that one has nothing to give. Yet God's generous grace bestows on each of us some gift, some talent.

With prayer and guidance, we can discern these gifts.

To discover the unique gifts of a local community, Episcopal Relief & Development uses the asset-based community development model in places such as Ghana, where they partner with the Anglican Diocesan Development and Relief Organization (ADDRO). With conversation, relationships and time, the gifts become evident.

Alice's uncertain future in Yelwoko, Ghana, became clear. ADDRO funds the Anglican Women's Development Group, which trained Alice as a seamstress. Alice discovered a talent for sewing and a gift for teaching. She now teaches other girls (ages twelve through eighteen) in the community in a three-year seamstress program and gives shorter batik and beading courses. The girls sell their creations in the market, providing income so they can eat two meals a day and send their children to school.

Through God's grace and in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, these young women serve one another and their community with their unique gifts.

What gift has God given you? How do you serve others with this gift?

—Judy Quick