

The road does not stop a bird. -*Ghana (Akan)*

The bird is not big until she spreads her wings. -*Liberia (Jabo)*

Proverbs for Changemakers

To a man who has only a hammer in his tool kit, every problem looks like a nail. -*Africa*

The one who climbs the tree takes the fruit left by the trembling one. -*Angola, Namibia*

The chameleon changes color to match the earth; the earth does not change color to match the chameleon. -*West Africa*

You can bend a tree or orient its course only when it is very young. -*Cameroon*

The trees that are growing are tomorrow's forest. -*Zambia (Bemba)*

When you show a child the moon, she sees only your finger. -*Ghana (Akan)*

A distant relative can help you cross a river. -*Ethiopia*

Although the snake does not fly, it has caught the bird whose home is in the sky. -*Ghana (Akan)*

The wind and the imagination can travel far and wide at no cost. -*Ethiopia*

If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired. -*Ghana (Twi)*

That which did not shout for help but waited patiently died in the trap. -*Kenya, Uganda (Luhya)*

Ants are tiny, but they lift things that are many times their size and weight. -*Africa*

What is looked for by many will have a finder. -*Uganda (Ganda)*

When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion. -*Ethiopia*

If one tree faces the storm alone, it collapses. -*Ghana (Twi)*

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. -*Tanzania, Kenya (Bondei)*

Where there is no common interest, there is no general will. -*Africa*

When the music changes, so does the dance. -*West Africa*

When a needle falls into a deep well, many people will look into the well, but few will be ready to go down after it. -*Guinea*

Who is brave enough to tell the lion that his breath smells? -*Mali*

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