

9 Steps to Third World Living

- * First, take out the furniture: leave a few old blankets, a kitchen table, maybe a wooden chair. You've never had a bed, remember?
- * Second, throw out your clothes. Each person in the family may keep the oldest suit or dress, a shirt or blouse. The head of the family has the only pair of shoes.
- * Third, all kitchen appliances have vanished. Keep a box of matches, a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a handful of onions, a dish of dried beans. Rescue the moldy potatoes from the garbage can: those are tonight's meal.
- * Fourth, dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, take out the wiring and the lights and everything that runs by electricity.
- * Fifth, take away the house and move the family into the toolshed.
- * Sixth, no more postman, fireman, government services. The two-classroom school is three miles away, but only two of your seven children attend anyway, and they walk.
- * Seventh, throw out your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans, insurance policies. You now have a cash hoard of \$5.
- * Eighth, get out and start cultivating your three acres. Try hard to raise \$300 in cash crops because your landlord wants one third and your moneylender 10 percent.
- * Ninth, find some way for your children to bring in a little extra money so you have something to eat most days. But it won't be enough to keep bodies healthy—so lop off 25 to 30 years of life.

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