SALVATION IS NOT OURS TO BESTOW

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The excellent Aid Watch blog has a superb quote from Michela Wrong's book It's Our Turn to Eat (I've not read it yet, but it's about corruption in Kenya). Talking of the tendancy of Western Governments and pop stars to come up with solutions for Africa's problems the book says:

> *Worried Westerners, who so often seem to fall prey to a benign form of megalomania when it comes to Africa, would do well to accept that salvation is simply not theirs to bestow. They should be more modest, more knowing, and less naÃ¨ve.*

I was struck by the truth of this statement and also by its application to Christian missions. With so many mission agencies trying to get the attention of the Church in the West and driven by our need for success stories, it is all too easy for missions to promise things that they simply can't deliver. "Salvation is not ours to bestow!" Our job is to be witnesses to Jesus Christ and 'God will give the increase'.

Simple, but profound.