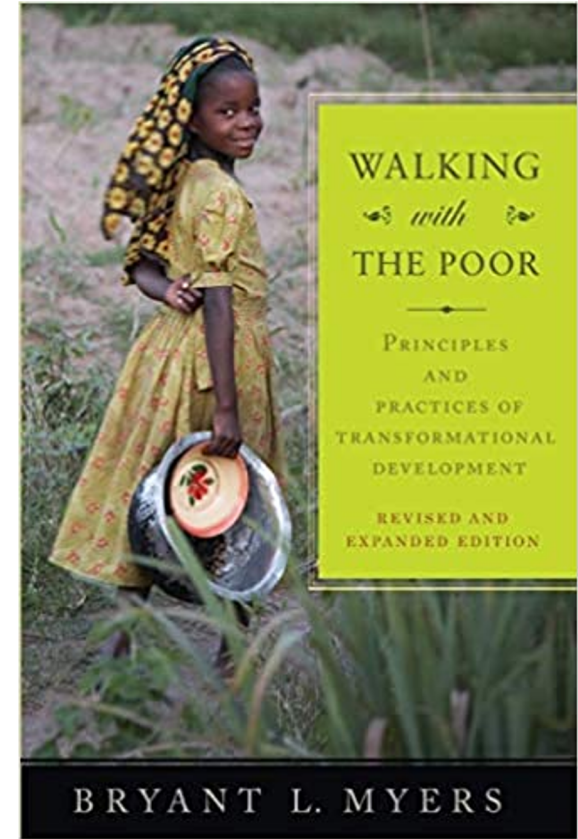


# Being Good Neighbors

“People need good neighbors much more than they need good theology or, I would add, good [economic] development theory or practice. Our work is about people before it is about ideas, about relationships before development programs. Development workers, who use being good neighbors as their metaphor for working alongside the poor, will be more effective than those who see themselves as problem solvers or answer givers...

To have community we must have good neighboring. This takes time. Loving neighbors is not something that can be rushed. Something gets lost when we hurry... If we cannot genuinely love our neighbor, how can development begin?”



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