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Nango is a famous unprotected spring that serves hundreds of families. The people in the community believe evil spirits (misambwa) live in the Nango spring.

The spirits, the people insist, are against any kind of modern technology. The World Vision project had offered to provide cement and water pipes for protection of water sources in the ADP area, but the community refused to accept them. They said Nango spring cannot be protected. The people do not even want anyone to drive a vehicle near the spring.

One day Mr. Job drove his tractor to the spring to collect some water. The spring dried up a few days later. The people in the community made Mr. Job provide a goat that the elders sacrificed to the spirits. A few days after the elders sacrificed the goat that Mr. Job provided, Nango was again alive with water.

How should Christians address the beliefs the people hold about Nango?