It was a very nice three weeks spent in Africa. I was able to meet a lot of widows and spend time with them for about three days.

When I got back, I had a life-threatening experience that I am still recovering from. About a week after I came back to the U.S., I became very sick. I experienced flu-like symptoms, not knowing what was actually happening, only to find out that it was a life-threatening situation. God had His hand on my whole trip to make sure I would not get sick in Nigeria. Could it have been because of the prayers of the widows that I had spent time with who said they would pray for me, and they did? One of my heart bypasses had closed up at 90%, and the doctors were able to put in a stint in that artery. So I have to believe that God had his hand on my trip and that I was able to have this taken care of here and not in Nigeria. I am sure the outcome would not have been very good in Nigeria. I believe it is appointed for all of us how much time we have left on this earth. God schedules when it's time for each one to go home.

Well, after doing some recovering and thinking about the work that has to be done, I do not believe there is a retirement from God's work unless He decides when to call it quits. The Lord will still have me continue because of the needs for the poor and homeless in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia or whatever country the Lord wants us to be in. So, we may be going back to Ghana this December.

We had a chance to start our new Widows

Shelter in Nigeria. We had made about 2,500 blocks, but we ran out. Because of the flood last fall, we had to raise our footings for the bathrooms and the widows' rooms. We needed to use more block than we planned to prevent water coming in the buildings during future floods. Also, we continued our security walls. This is going to be more than we projected in the budget for our buildings. With the Lord's help, we continue to make more blocks to start the walls of the 60-foot long building and our bathrooms. For now, it appears it will have to be in small stages. The rainy season is approaching, so we aren't able to work every day.

I have had a chance to meet the four widows who were homeless. A few months ago, we were able to buy them clothing and food. They look well, and we were able to assist them again after our meeting. Once again, thank you to those who helped us with this situation. As pictured below, Virgina Chukwuemekg, on the left in the yellow, is 60 years old. Next, Dorothy Okonkwo, who is 56 years old was not able to make it, so she is represented here by her daughter in the blue dress. Chinize Opute with the white top is 86 years old, and Obiagesi Obah, on the right with the red skirt, is 90 years old; yes, 90.

I heard the horror story about the refugee camp, as described by Dickson Ogbah, and how terrible it was. He was in charge of one of the areas where he stayed and lived with the widows in the refugee camp—the conditions were unimaginable.







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We were also able to visit Pastor Simon and Pastor John. We met with the widows in those villages to assist them. Some of the widows, who were in their 80's and 90's, said in all of their lifetime, no one has ever come to help them.

I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

JOB 29:13

They praised and thanked God for allowing us to come and listen to them. One of the sad stories was that they had to travel to a nearby stream some four to five miles away to get water, and as we traveled by car, I had a chance to look at the muddy steam of

water they would walk to in order to get water. In Pastor John's village, we met the widow who had her homemade wheelchair. If someone is interested in helping us get a gasoline motorized wheelchair for her, it would be so greatly appreciated. It takes her about two hours to travel a mile. She gets very tired trying to get around and asked if there was some way to help her get a motorized tricycle.



## CONTINUED WORK IN GHANA







We are slowly continuing our work in Ghana. Pastor Francis has been trusting the Lord in many things. He was hoping to help some of the women in the village where he pastors to earn some money for themselves; so just as a sewing center was put in Nigeria, one was also put in Ghana.

Pastor Francis' wife is a midwife and also helps with other minor ailments. To help expand the present tight quarters, a larger facility is being built.

The greatest need for Pastor Francis' village in Accra, Ghana is a clean water well. They use water from the river to wash and cook. I saw vehicles being washed and the water running into the same river that people take water from to cook with. As we did in Nigeria, we'd like to dig a well in Ghana. So if you realize how important clean water is and find it in your heart to give, please help us with this project.

God's everlasting heavenly blessing be on everyone,



AND WHOEVER GIVES
ONE OF THESE LITTLE
ONES ONLY A CUP OF
COLD WATER IN THE
NAME OF A DISCIPLE,
ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO
YOU, HE SHALL BY NO
MEANS LOSE HIS
REWARD.

