

Message from Roy Wanta

In Ghana, at Pastor Francis's church, a widow has died—her name was Rebecca Ayikpar. The doctors tried to save her life, but unfortunately, she has left five children behind. Their names are Mawuli, Angel, Emmanuel, Wisdom and baby Francis. She was thirty-three years old.



"I Am" World's vision has been to assist widows. It is very rewarding to help children get an education when it is possible, but if you cannot help the widow, you cannot help her children live and be healthy.

Some years ago, I once was faced with a situation while visiting a dying woman. What do you do when she asks you to take care of her three children? Her husband was dead, and the woman knew she was dying of a disease and that she only had a few days left. *"And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?" Isaiah 10:3*



I know some people will want to help with the serious needs of these widows. This widow's bicycle needs to be replaced for her to get around. She is in Rev. John's village at Ovu in Nigeria.

From Pastor Francis in Ghana

Through the *"I Am"* organization's support, there have been some widows who were financially broke and have been able to bring their businesses to a higher level, so that now, they can take care of their children. One of them is selling bread and credit which is used for mobile phones here in Ghana. With the support that was given, she has been able to increase her business to meet some of her financial needs.



There is another widow with nine children who sells plastic bowls. Since the death of her sister, who was also a widow, she has taken on her children of five. Therefore, she now has fourteen children, and because of such financial strain here, she came to me for help. She has been helping my wife with chores, and then, we give her something for her children and herself. *"Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." Job 29:12-13*



One of the widows (*picture on left*) is selling kenkey, which is one of the best foods in Ghana. Since her husband died, his family members have driven her out of the house and she has no place to stay.

The widow that sells used clothes (named Mama) is not doing good. She is in a tight spot because of the hardship she is in.

I also try to help a woman who has had a stroke. Her name is Esther (*picture on right*).

These are the widows who are in dire need of help before it is time for them to die. So, we ask for support for these women. If you put smiles on the faces of these people, you will be rewarded greatly by our Father in heaven. God richly bless you for the wonderful works that you are doing. Thank you.

Faithfully yours, Pastor Francis Gadasu





"I Am" Nigeria Inc., which started like a little mustard seed, is growing daily from strength to strength. This would not have been possible without the assistance of our numerous partners in the USA. I must tell you, without mincing words, that the result we are getting today is because of your untiring support. May God bless you all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The visit by Roy to Nigeria during the first quarter of the year obviously left some indelible marks in the hearts of so many widows and the poor in Ebonyi state, Enugu state and Anambra state, all in Southeast Nigeria. During this visit, some of them were assisted with money for food, medicine and clothing.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27

There also is a man, Emmanuel Chikwendu, who was not able to work and was in a lot of pain. His situation became so bad that he could not stand on his feet. Thank God, Roy was in Nigeria at that time and he made money available for a hernia surgery. The doctor that carried out the surgery said that Emmanuel's condition was leading to a medical complication which would have resulted in death if delayed.







The four widows, who were victims of last year's flood, are thanking *"I Am" Nigeria Inc.* for their lives. One of them, Chineze Oputa, told me after

our donation that God sent us at the right time. According to her, she was full of the thought of suicide, thinking, "I am not only a widow, I am also childless." This woman right now is suffering terribly in the hands of her husband's family and the larger



Chineze Oputa

traditional community whose belief is that a childless woman is a witch who ate up her children in the spirit, and as such, is wicked and deserves no mercy, but death. Please send this appeal to all good-spirited lovers of life to help us send her to the hospital and provide food and medicine for her.

While we are thanking all our partners in the USA, we still appeal to them not to relent in their support. The Widows Home, which we started early in the year, needs support to enable us to finish this project which will be a legacy to our generation. No sacrifice is too big or too small.

May God richly reward you all, Rev John Ani Rep/Project Director of "I Am" Nigeria Inc.

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

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