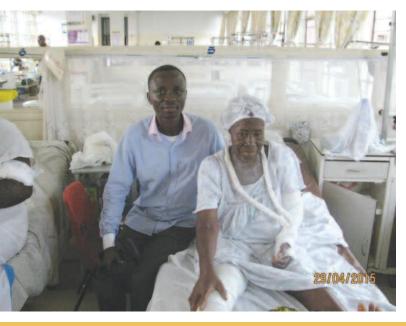


Letter from Pastor Benjamin Kwaky Adusei

One of our widow group members, named Ayaaba, was knocked down by a car about five months ago. She had a broken leg, broken arm and had become unconscious. She was in the hospital for about three months. Her condition is fairly good. The widows group has done a lot for this woman, daily supplying her with food at the hospital and helping to pay some of her expenses through her monthly share of income from the widows co-op milling project, which was set up by "I Am" partners. She is not able to walk, and because of the severity of her leg being shattered, she will not walk again unless she is operated on by a bone specialist to insert pins and screws. The cost of \$1,000 USD for the surgery is beyond the capability of the widows group. They are asking if we could send this information out, seeking for help from benevolent

hearts of "I Am" partners so that this mother, our sister and dear widow can walk again.

There has been an urgent update about Ayaaba. They took her cast off, and she attempted to stand, but had severe pain. The doctor referred her to go to the bone specialist, but because of the money involved, the family decided to take her to the native doctor who uses traditional medicine. This doctor has a bad reputation because of his methods. There have been cases that became complicated and legs have been amputated. Pastor Benjamin has intervened and is having Ayaaba brought back to Kumasi. He had to pay for her short stay, but as of right now, he is getting her out of there. There is an urgency to have this taken care of. We are thankful for each one who will respond in a timely manner. May God bless each and every heart. Thank you.









Rita has been so appreciative for the food supply that she has been receiving each month from the partners of "I Am". Now that Rita and her children have gotten established in their new living quarters, she has expressed the need for her to start her own business so she won't have to depend on anyone. We would like to give her the opportunity to do that. To start her business it would cost about \$250 USD. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

To help the widows earn additional income for themselves besides the vegetable grinding machine that they have now – so that they can be more self-sustaining – we are looking into a day care center for twenty to thirty children. This would only be operated by the widows co-op. We would like to be able to purchase materials for the start-up. These items would be tables, chairs, dinnerware, a stove with gas cylinders, and chalkboards to draw pictures of birds, animals, fruits and other things to teach the children. Also, we would like to purchase some toys, pencils and textbooks. The cost of the above items, besides other necessities, is estimated at \$1,000 USD. The widows are anxious to start this business, and it would be great blessing. Just as the widows co-op did bless Ayaaba, who was hit by a car, the blessings to others could be expanded.

Even though the needs are great, what a blessing it is to see results that can prosper those who have nothing or give a widow the ability to walk again. God, I pray, bless those that give willingly.



"Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children

will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice." Psalms 112:1-5