



## **Report by Roy Wanta**

Doug and I had a rewarding trip to Africa this time. It was good to see the productivity of Pastor Benjamin and the widows. After meeting with widows, who themselves are facing poverty and hard times, it is unbelievable that they have the hearts to help those who are even less fortunate than they are.

Here is a story about Grace Azah, who is 71 years old and whose husband died six years ago. Grace is from the Volta Region of Ghana. When her husband died, she was accused of bewitching him to death, like what many of the widows in Africa experience. When African widows face this, it prevents them from having any share of their husbands' property. In that same year, Grace's son died. So she traveled to stay with her daughter in the Ashanti Region, where she lived in someone's uncompleted building. When she was kicked out of there, she was left with no place to live, having no money to pay rent.



This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,"... – Jeremiah 9:23-24



God looked down at the widows co-op, which was started about fifteen months ago in Ejisu, Kumasi. God being God, His Spirit moved and worked in these women. These widows, who hardly have anything, had to do something quickly. Including Grace, there were eight souls who did not have a place to live or sleep.











Immediately, the widows were inspired to do something, so they raised enough money to have one room built for Grace and her family. As you can see, this is one room. The walls have not been finished; there is a sand floor; and rain comes inside at the top under the roof.

The widows group was started because of the generosity of people in the USA. We've been able to buy them the needed machines so they could make a living, and now, a day care center has been started. "I Am" Missions would like to finish the walls of Grace's building and also complete another room. This way there would be room for all eight of these people to sleep without rain coming in on them. As Doug and I traveled and visited widows, we saw the horrible and despicable living conditions they live in, with just a roof over them, no ceilings and, of course, wide open to mosquitoes. It is only God who is moving on these ladies to help the helpless and homeless widows. What an amazing group of widows! We are blessed to have such a group that cares not only for those in their own group, but reaches out to others in dire need.

"But You, O God, do see trouble and grief; You consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless." – Psalm 10:14

We are very thankful for the people who have contributed to buy the five goats for these amazing women. They have said they want to share them with a new group of widows which we have started in another small town. Folks, this is God moving!



"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh" – Luke 6:20-21