



"I Am" hath sent me unto you.

Ex.3:14

Project Africa

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Report by Roy Wanta

The Kumasi widows have moved to a new building with their machines from the old site. Concerning the Kumasi widows, someone who I respect deeply has said to me that they believe that what you are seeing is wisdom from God. It's not normal behavior to budget...and to persevere for the future. That is why God, in His Word, gives so much admiration towards farmers and those who sow seeds. It's part of the fruit of the Spirit – it takes godly wisdom to plant a seed in the ground and wait for its fruit. In a sense, that is budgeting. It is not natural; it is supernatural.

Praise be to God for Him instilling wisdom into these ladies. It takes guts and faith to forfeit a blessing – I'm talking about the goats – and give them to other widows who need them. May the Lord pay them a hundredfold in blessings for the goats they gave up in order to serve people that had greater need. I have tears in my eyes at the beauty of this faith.



Letter from Pastor Benjamin Adusei

Mary Mamu, a widow, was once upon a time married to a man named Aiden Baliseh Mamu, both hailing from the same village in the Volta Region of Ghana. They both traveled to Kumasi in the Ashanti Region for economic prospects. The man was a school teacher and the woman was a trader. Later, the man became a drunkard and an alcoholic. He was fired from his job because of his drinking habit. This became a difficult moment for Mary, since she had to work extra hard to fend for their three daughters.

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The man later fell sick, and it became another headache for Mary because she alone had to foot all the bills, including the medical bills of the husband. The man didn't survive. He died leaving the family with no property because they were all living in the husband's elder brother's mud house.

Life became unbearable for Mary, so much so, that she had to let her oldest daughter, who is almost eighteen-years-old, leave the house to fend for herself. The second daughter was given to the care of a relative. This girl is working beyond her strength where she is living now. There is nothing Mary can do because she is financially handicapped. The youngest daughter is living with her in the deceased husband's brother's house. According to their tradition and culture, Mary had three years to decide if she will marry her husband's brother. If she does, she and the daughter would continue to stay in the house and the man would take care of them; if not, she has to leave the house. Mary stood her ground and said "no". The three-year period expired four days ago, and she has been given another week's notice to vacate the place.

Now Mary is pleading, through email, to **"I Am" World Mission** and the good people of the United States of America to come to her aid so that she can have a place for herself and her three children to lay their heads. She would be very happy if her humble plea is considered.

God commands us to care for orphans and widows. When He gave the Law to Moses and the Israelites, He gave instructions for how to treat the orphans and widows among them – with harsh consequences promised if they failed in their responsibility. (See Exodus 22:22–23.)

In the New Testament, James says that taking care of the needs of orphans and widows is part of a religion "pure and faultless" (James 1:27). Caring for those in distress is not optional for followers of Christ.



In the words of Jesus:

"...seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you...Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

— Luke 12:31, 33-34 —