

Report by Roy Wanta

Would you sponsor a widow? Would you consider one who is broken by the death of her husband, who is forced into a life of poverty and her life almost ceases to exist? We have seen many times that people often try to sponsor a child, but what about a widow? The word "broken" comes from the Hebrew word "shahbar", meaning "crushed into pieces, shattered, bruised and disconnected; to shatter one's strength". Every woman who is alone, struggling to take care of her family, knows the battles that come up and must be faced everyday. Think of how it would be if you were without food and shelter, in dire need with a family to feed. We have helped widows establish a business, but what if someone would like to sponsor a widow each month for a year? Think of the tremendous relief this would bring to that widow, to lighten her stress load of not knowing where the next meal for herself and her children will come from. Feeling hopeless, suffering under crushing grief and bound by bad memories, sometimes they see no reason for living. Can you help make a difference?

When Yeshua (Jesus) saw Nain, a widow, Luke described the reaction to her grief as spontaneous and heartfelt. "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not." Luke 7:13 The Lord's heart went out to her. In six out of approximately 33 miracles, His compassion is specifically mentioned as a factor. Christ was the most compassionate of mankind. We have to



remember that we are being trained to work under Him. Fruit that is produced as a result of our going through the valleys of life will be helpful to others, even here and now.

Thanks is given to God and to you from Pastor Simon Ekuma and these few widows in Nigeria that some of you have helped with. God bless you.



Mrs. Josephine Agbo

is a 56-year-old widow with four boys and three girls. Mr. Agbo Igbegu died four years ago, and from then on, Josephine never enjoyed happiness. Their first son died, leaving her a daughter-inlaw and granddaughter to care for. Her second son ran away because of the hardship, but with the encouragement of "I Am" World Mission Outreach, through Pastor Simon Ekuma in their village in Nigeria, this widowed woman can see a change. She has joined the widows' co-op of Nigeria, formed by Pastor Simon and "I Am". Now, Josephine is working with the cassava machine which is boosting her joy every day and has reduced her suffering. Thanks be to God for "I Am" World Mission Outreach and their support.

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Mrs. Grace Omah

is a seventy-year-old widow with three boys and two girls. She suffered much heartbreak when her husband, Mr. Omah Nweke, died from poison which he drank. Also, her beloved son travelled to Onitsha and was working in a hotel when he was attacked and died with great suffering. From that time, Grace was overly oppressed, but God, through "I Am" World Mission Outreach, has been able to comfort her. Thanks be to God. Amen.



Mrs. Elizabeth Onwe,

48 years old, was married to the late Mr. Onwe Akamu, who died through a land dispute. When her husband died, they had no land to occupy, and from that, this widow went through hardship and many sorrows in taking care of her children. Through the effort of "I Am" World Mission Outreach and Pastor Simon Ekuma, she is being comforted by the grace of God.



Mrs. Margret Omaka,

52 years old, lost her husband after a long illness, leaving her to raise their four boys and two girls alone. She has been struggling to survive, but the hardships of life have been increasing. Thankfully, God has used "I Am" World Mission Outreach, to help. Margret is happy for God remembering her and her children, not minding the circumstances around her. God is good. Let Him continue to bless "I Am" World Mission Outreach and all their associates. Amen.



To those of you who have not helped a widow in a long time, or never have, would you consider assisting someone in dire need? There are seven widows that need your help, similar to the situations stated. We thank those who have continually been a support in keeping these precious widows alive and, also, rescuing their children from suffering. Keeping a widow alive prevents her children from becoming orphans. Please help a widow like Mary who has four children – create a business for her, and be a help to the sick and hungry.

"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise... Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:31, 38

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