

Report by Roy Wanta

I have often thought about what this quote says: "No one has a problem with the first mile of a journey. Even an infant could do fine for a while. But it isn't the start that matters. It's the finish line." - Julien Smith

We've had some productive meetings with the widows and the pastors in Kumasi. Pastor Benjamin is doing very well with building up new widows groups and organizing them.

"When you start living the life of your dreams, there will always be obstacles, doubters, mistakes and setbacks along the way. But with hard work, perseverance [and God] there is no limit to what you can achieve." – Roy Bennett

Pastor Thomas Amoah, who is in Konongo, has been working with Pastor Benjamin for some time and has been trying to start a new widows group there. There really hasn't been any place available for helping people with their needs of grinding or milling. Lord willing, we may be able to greatly impact both the widows and village by helping these widows fill this serious need.

There has also been some interest in helping Pastor Benjamin with the new church building in Kumasi, should the Lord supply.



"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" - 1 John 3:17



"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." – Romans 12:13





We thank the Lord for Pastor Benjamin overseeing the widows and for the concern he has for them. The widows' daycare is doing well with new playground equipment.

It was a great pleasure to see Esther and Cecilia. Esther had no place to live but on the streets with her daughter. Now Esther has been doing a great job, not only making a living, but sending her daughter to school to get an education. Also, Cecilia was only able to sell a few bottles of fuel oil before, and now because of her success, she is able to send her daughter to school. In thinking about these ladies, God begins where you end and takes you beyond what you thought was impossible.

And now, I share with you some good information I came across in a commentary on I Timothy, chapter five, starting with verse three:

"Paul says that the church should 'honor' [older, needy] widows. This is not to imply that we may disrespect other widows! Paul means that the church should help them financially. The Greek word translated 'honor' has a double meaning. First, it has the idea of a 'price' paid or received. From there it came to refer to honor or esteem attached to something or someone due to their value. Thus the word can refer both to material support and/or esteem. In 1 Timothy 5:17, the word has both senses. In 1 Timothy 6:1, it clearly refers to esteem. In the text (1 Timothy 5:3), it seems weighted toward material support for the widows."

Concerning our mission work, I leave you with this thought: "Life is short, so live it full! Know that the work that the Lord has begun in you, He will finish it. So, honor Him today with your gift to Him, steadfastness/endurance to live His work, and not yours. It may get tough along this journey where the enemy speaks 'quit', but remember, God is not through with what He began in you. In God, your life shall be made full and complete!" – Anita R. Sneed-Carter

Thank you and God bless you,









