



# Project Africa

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***“For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name;  
and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel;  
The God of the whole earth shall he be called.” – Isaiah 54:5***

*“You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; and My wrath will become hot...” – Exodus 22:21-24*

**I**n verse 21, God reminds Israel again that they were strangers and foreigners in the land of Egypt. No doubt they still remembered the pain and suffering and humiliation they endured; therefore, they were to be kind to anyone who was a stranger among them. Since God showed them mercy in bringing them out of Egypt, we are to show mercy to strangers. In this passage, God shows that He is not some hot-headed, ill-tempered despot who simply looks for people to destroy. *“You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child”*: That is, you shall comfort and assist them, and be ready upon all occasions to show them kindness. When they make worthy requests, their condition must be considered. They have lost those that should protect them.

They are considered to be unskilled in business, destitute of advice, fearful, and of a tender spirit, and therefore, must be treated with kindness and compassion, not to be taken advantage of, nor have any hardship put upon them which a husband or a father would have sheltered them from.

The widows and fatherless were at the mercy of anyone, who could – and many times would – take advantage of them and make their plight even worse. There have been no safeguards for women in Africa who lost their husbands or for children who lost their fathers. Well, actually, they do have a safeguard – God. God is their safeguard. If no one else would protect them or care for them, God would. And would He ever!

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***Our mission is to reach the world for God and point them to Jesus***



People had said **Margaret Adoma** was a witch, so her only son had abandoned her. Margaret is sixty-three years old. From nowhere, God sent this young woman – who is like a daughter – to help this widow and to carry the burden of the two. **“I Am”** supporters have supplied them with some food to help with their burden.



**Lydia Amoakowaa** is forty-three years old and a widow. Her husband died two years ago, and she has three children to take care of. Lydia couldn't find a better job to do but to be employed by a drinking bar owner who gave her GH200.00 or fifty U.S. dollars for a month's work. This was insufficient for her and the children to live. Sometimes, just to get money to care for the children, Lydia had to give in to the advancement of the people at the bar, or the tavern owner would tell her she had just been sold for the night to whoever comes to drink. Pastor Benjamin preached the Good News to Lydia, and she now has Christ in her life.



**Margaret Fofie** is a sixty-five old widow whose husband died seven years ago. She is deaf and childless. Margaret is living by herself, and the work she used to do has become too hard because of her age.



In order to not to be enticed by the old nature again, she didn't want to do the bar attendant work anymore. She had indicated she wanted to do a fruit-selling business as she did with her mother before she died. With the help of our supporters, we were able to put Lydia in that business.

*“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11*