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Mercy Antwi is a young widow, 34, whose husband died just three weeks ago. She is left with seven children to look after, including four-year-old twins. His body is still in the mortuary, and the only thing he left for them is extreme poverty. Even his external family members are now struggling to raise money for his funeral according to their custom. You can imagine how Mercy and her children have been neglected. They are hungry and have no one to turn to because they are leaving in a very poor small community. Therefore, when Benjamin heard the news, he went there and gave them just a small amount of money that would last for only a day. The twins have been taken to a relative, away from their mother. According to their custom, the twins cannot stay with the family until their father has been buried, which should be around February, 2018.



Mercy Antwi

"But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the LORD." - Jeremiah 1:7-9

Benjamin's daughter, Tracy, and his son, Roy, have a great youth group going on in the church. It is vital to helping teens integrate into the larger intergenerational community of the church. Youth ministry resists the status quo, helping a church stay relevant in a changing culture. It focuses on inviting those

who are not already part of the church into the deeper narrative of God's plan for humankind. Youth ministry reminds the church that teens are not marginalized members of the body, but are co-creators and conspirators in the divine work of the church, restoring life on earth as it is in heaven. It helps the church focus on the way of Jesus, which goes beyond tradition, dogma, and ritual.



Roy Wanta and Tracy



Youth Group

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." - 1 Timothy 4:12



Mercy



Mercy Obour

Mercy Adoma is a twelve-year-old orphan. She came with her mother from Ivory Coast to Ghana. Mercy's mother has since died, leaving Mercy alone to fend for herself. However, Mercy is too young to fend for herself; therefore, Benjamin has contacted a certain widow, Mercy Obour, who we are helping. She can adopt Mercy and take good care of her, so we have given them with some food and clothing. We also helped develop a business for this widow so that she can handle the care of Mercy.

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." – Psalms 68:5



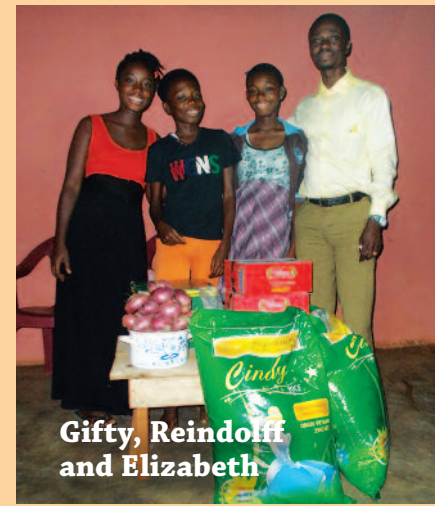
Helena

Helena is the third child of Cecilia Mra, a widow. Helena is a 26-year-old single parent with a seven-year-old boy. She left her mother in Kumasi to go to Accra in search of a nonexistent job. After nine years of struggling in the capital city, the only result she got was to be impregnated by an irresponsible man who never took care of her and the child. She was left alone to take care of the child. An unfortunate accident

happened to her. Helena had been waiting in line with a number of people to get on a bus when a vehicle hit her and some of the others. The people who were standing with her were killed. The Lord spared her life; however, she received two broken legs. Everything Helena struggled for has been spent on medications, and now, she has nothing left. Pastor Benjamin and his wife bought a wheelchair for her to use after her discharge from the hospital.

Gifty is nineteen years old, Reindolff is sixteen years old and a sickle cell patient, and Elizabeth is fourteen years old. These three children were living with their widowed mother until she died three months ago, and now as the eldest, Gifty is supposed to act as a mother for the two – but they are poor. They are pleading to **"I Am"** and the good people of the United States for some food support and help for Gifty to start a small business which will support herself and the other two children.

"...I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them." – Job 29:12



Gifty, Reindolff and Elizabeth

Rose Paala is a poor widow, 64, who has four kids to look after. For a living, she sells kenkey, a local food. She fell sick and had no money to go to the hospital. Her church wasn't able to help her. It is a sad situation to travel around and see beautiful churches built with marble, and yet, no one really cares for a widow like this. They build huge massive buildings for the glory of man and not God. Unfortunately, it is extremely rare to find people like Benjamin who seriously goes out of his way for the neglected, poor and defenseless.

"...to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood" – Isaiah 58:7



Rose Paala