A Widow Shares Her Story

The police knocked on her door to deliver news that would forever change this young lady’s life. It was a message that no woman with young children would ever want to hear.

The tears began to flow as Jill shared her story with African widows of how her husband was killed on a motorcycle. As depicted in the picture above, the African widows could feel her pain as she described the utter despair that came over her. As the police officers made their way down the sidewalk back to their patrol car, Jill slowly closed her front door. She then took her children by the hand and went to her bedroom where they sang together: “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong....”

The African women witnessed an American who genuinely understood their pain and despair. Hope and encouragement covered those precious widows like a warm blanket on a cold wintery night.

African Widows Ministry desires to connect caring people in America with precious widows in Africa to let them know that they are not alone.

YOU CAN HELP

There are many orphanages and baby homes springing up all over Africa, but there are very few ministries designed to help the poor widow. You can help!

- Become a pen-pal to a widow. Though it would be nice for a widow in America to adopt a widow in Africa, you don’t have to be a widow to understand what widows face each and every day.
- Help support the budget for our Widow’s director (Esther) who is working with Candy Sadler (Pictured below sharing a message with MLI’s widows).
- Support a widow with $30 per month which will assist them with purchasing food, school fees, medicine, etc.
- Support General Fund that supports MLI’s administration
- Participate in an African Mission Trip and experience first hand the daily life of a widow:
  - This is a wonderful opportunity to establish a friendship.
  - Share your testimony or a lesson from the Bible.
  - Teach them a skill like crocheting, sewing, or some other skill/craft.
  - Visit with widows in the villages taking them soap, salt, and sugar

You can also help simply by praying daily for African widows.
**African Widows**: Mission Link International has an ongoing campaign to help widows in Africa. There are literally millions of women who have no support structure and who receive little or no encouragement. James 1:27 states that “pure religion in the sight of God is to visit orphans and widows in their distress,...” Most widows live under stress especially in developing countries. Presently, Mission Link International is working with two groups of Ugandan widows numbering 180 (plus). Our African Widows Director works with these precious women teaching them the Bible and helping them develop skills that will encourage them to be self supporting. Sewing, making crafts, piggery and chicken projects are just a few unique ways we can help these women to become self supporting in a difficult environment.

Mission Link International’s sincere hope is to unite American widows with Ugandan widows...women who understand the difficult challenges of a widow. However, we encourage anyone who has a heart for Africans to accept the challenge to assist a widow.

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