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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT (WIDOWS MINISTRY)

Many years ago I heard a chorus. I remembered it recently, and now it keeps ringing in my thoughts all night long. It goes something like this:

Romans 8:28 is still true,

You may not understand,

But your life He has planned,

Romans 8:28 is still true."

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28".*

My husband and I believe that God has a plan for our lives. His plan for us has led us step by step into PRIA Ministry. First, He led us to reach out to our relatives in Tanuku and its surrounding villages in India and witness to them for Christ.

Next He inspired us to build a church school. He marvelously led us to many God-loving friends who gave sacrificially for a school building. Through this school we now share God's love with teachers, students, parents, and people in the neighborhood.

Then God brought us in contact with a very needy group of people—widows and widowers, and the disabled who cannot earn a living. We presented their plight in our Sabbath school class. Thus began the Widows' Ministry under Myrtle Mitchell's guidance.

Many widows in India suffer on a daily basis from substandard living conditions, lack of food, and medical care. We prayed asking God to show us if we should add Widows' ministry to our program. The next day, as an answer to our prayers, we received our first contribution of \$500 to help widows. PRIA Ministry now cares for 100 widows and widowers, and also some disabled people who cannot earn a living. I am listing just a few of these needy people.

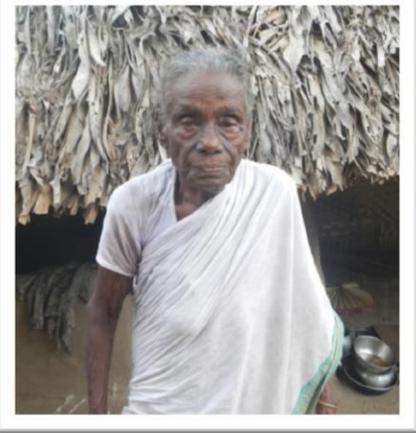


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“My name is Sathyannarayana. I am from Chilakapadu village. When I was 45 years of age I suffered a paralyzing stroke and lost the use of one leg and one hand. There is an Adventist church in our village. Someone from the church came to me and shared the love of Jesus and invited me to church. Although I was paralyzed on one side of my body, I attended church with the help of a walking stick. I accepted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized. Now I am too weak to walk to church. I am bedridden. My wife and my mother-in-law care for me. Widows’ Ministry helps me with money for medicines and food. Please pray for me and my family.”

“My name is Aadamma. I am 82 years old. I was born into a Hindu family. Ten years ago I came to know about Jesus, and I accepted Him as my Savior. I have no one to care for me. Widows’ Ministry is helping me with money for my needs. I am grateful to God for this help.



“My name is Punnabai Agarwal. I am from Mandapaka Village. I was born into a Hindu family and used to do many pujas religiously. I have a son and a daughter. When my daughter was 16 years of age, she was afflicted with an evil spirit. This caused me a lot of anguish, and I did not have any peace of mind. I told my friend, Mrs. Rekha, ‘I have no peace of mind, I want peace.’ She told me that she will pray for my daughter and also that God will give me peace of mind.

“I did not know about God, or what a Bible is. One day she gave me a Bible and said that even if I do not understand, read the Bible and you will receive peace of mind. Every now and then she would ask me to join her in prayer. I did not know how to pray, and she taught me how to pray. We prayed together for one whole month. God heard our prayers and healed my daughter.

“My faith in God increased, and I was baptized. I attended church regularly. Then suddenly I had a stroke and lost the use of one hand and one leg. I wondered why I am suffering like this just after committing myself to God.

When I was admitted into the hospital, Mrs. Rekha visited me regularly and encouraged me to be strong in the Lord. Then I had a second stroke. This time I lost my speech. At that time Widows’ Ministry helped me financially for medicines and a brain scan. By the grace of God, I am able to walk and my speech is slowly coming back. Because of Widows’ Ministry’s help I am getting better. I am very grateful to God for this help. Please pray for me and my family.”

“My name is Nagamma and I am 76 years old. I am from the village of Chilakapadu. I was born into a Hindu family, but I came to know Jesus 8 years ago. Since then I have been worshipping the true God.

I am a widow. I have no one to care for me. I am unable to do any work to support myself. Widows’ Ministry has been supporting me. I want to thank you for supporting Widows’ Ministry.”



“My name is Alice Amma. I am from the village of Mortha. I am 71 years old. I have been a member of the Adventist Church for the past 10 years. I have no husband and no children. When I was able, I used to do manual labor to support myself. Now I am unable to work. I am grateful to Widows’ Ministry for helping me.”

“My name is G. Chinnayya. I am 82 years old. My wife’s name is Venkamma. She is 72 years old. She is completely blind, so I have to do everything for her. I am unable to work outside to earn a living as I suffer from pain in both my legs. We accepted Jesus 10 years ago. In spite of our problems, We attend church regularly.

Widows’ Ministry gives us some money every month for our needs. I am grateful for their help. Please pray for us.”



“My name is Veeramma. I am 75 years old. I am an outcast and cannot live in any village. I live on the outskirts of a village in a little shed I made myself. I used to go around begging for food. One day, Mrs. Rekha, Widows’ Ministry leader, met me and has been supplying me with some rice and lentils and oil. With this help, I do not have to go around begging for food. I want to thank everyone who is supporting people like me through Widows’ Ministry.”

**These are just a few of the widows and widowers that you are supporting. As mentioned earlier, there are 100 widows and widowers that Widows’ Ministry supports each month.**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

*Walking by faith. "For we walk by faith, and not by sight."*

People often ask how our school is doing in light of the recent economic and political changes. Our answer has consistently been, "It is a walk of faith." Even though there is much to accomplish and very few resources, God has blessed us sufficiently to move forward.

While we in the states honor graduates in June, students in India are returning to classes for the new school year. Present enrollment at Chadalawada School stands at 432. We are hoping for 18 more students before the close of admissions on August 15.

Every year we face many challenges because of competition from the many corporate schools in Tanuku, but by the grace of God our classrooms are full and we are expecting a good school year. Thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support. We could not operate the school without your help!



## THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THESE SPECIAL NEEDS.

\* These are annual goals that begin in June.

SPECIAL NEEDS			
	Need	Raised	Balance
Scholarship Fund*	\$15,000	\$720	(\$14,280)
Office/Lab/Classroom Equipment	\$15,000	\$6,100	(\$8,900)
School Building (Includes Pre-school & toilets)	\$300,000	\$13,062	(\$286,938)
Community Support*	\$15,000	\$898.92	(\$14,101)
Community Outreach*	\$15,000	\$1,490	(\$13,510)
Chapels (4)	\$35,000	\$5,000	(\$30,000)
Busses (2)	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Undesignated Donations		\$1117.40	

Remember it takes only \$30.00 a month for 11 months to sponsor a child, and \$25.00 a month to support a widow.

When making a tribute to your friends and relatives, please remember: "In Memory Of" is for someone deceased. And "In Honor of" is for someone you wish to honor and express your appreciations.

We are grateful to each one of you for your continued support, and wish God's abundant blessings on you.

--Sarojini Chedalawada

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