

Open Door Missions Intl

UGANDA NEWS UPDATE 2008

O.D.M.I. is in partnership with a work in Uganda called **Widows Intercessors Ministries** based in Kampala. This organisation helps widows and orphans in East Africa and was founded by Rev. Ruth Mwagalwa . As a widow herself she saw the plight of destitute women and children abandoned after their husband died. Ruth and her committee of dedicated ladies reach out to these widows bringing them the Christian message of hope, friendship, legal advice, and practical aid. Widows are the majority group in Uganda, most having lost their husbands due to Aids or war. Many men have five to ten women, and as many as five/ten children with each. Their homes, livestock, and finances are all taken from them by his family. These women have no voice in the nation.

Ten acres of land has been purchased for **W.I.M.** and has been cleared, fenced and planted with crops of Matooki, Kasava, Maize, Potatoes etc. A **two roomed house** has been built on the land and widows come from villages regularly to plant and hoe the ground. The food produced is being used to feed the women and surplus is sold to generate an income for the ministry.

A **Pig farm** housing ten pigs has been built through finance donated by 'Just Kampers' an automobile business. Friends have donated money to purchase more than **89 piglets**. They have been distributed to widows in various districts of Uganda, and have now produced young. **Eight cows** have been donated to widows and their children. Plans are in hand for a **poultry farm** run by the widows.

❖ Future Plans

A Christian community that will be a **Centre for Widows** will be developed on this land with small dwellings for homeless widows and orphans. They will be taught to read and write, to farm, and start small businesses. A **multi purpose hall** will be built for teaching conferences and vocational centre for the hundreds of widows W.I.M. helps and also will be rented out for weddings and functions to provide some income.

A year old **mini bus** was purchased for W.I.M. and they are now using it for transporting widows and tools to the land. They travel to remote villages taking food and clothing to widows. There are 56 districts in Uganda, and W.I.M. has reached 16 of them with a membership of over 3,200 widows. These are being trained to go into their areas with the Christian gospel and take practical aid. There are many thousands to reach.

❖ Care Home

Elderly widows who have no one to care for them need to be gathered into a home for the elderly, given the right to live decently and have a funeral when they die. Connected with this will be a **clinic** built for the widows and for the local community.

❖ W.I.M. Charity Shop

A project has been launched to establish a shop in Kampala as an outlet for the widows ministry. The women are making crafts items e.g. Bead necklaces, earrings and bracelets to sell. Other items are being sent from UK and USA to help stock the shop.

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A door of hope Hos 2:15

A door of opportunity 2 Cor 2:12

A door of revelation Rev 4:1



❖ Medical Mission

In October 2006 eleven people including 3 doctors spent a week in Kampala treating widows. Over three hundred women were seen by a doctor for the first time in their lives. Thirty pairs of **spectacles** had been donated and were fitted. So many widows were delighted at being able to see clearly again.

❖ Upcoming Conference and Medical Mission Oct 6th-20th 2008

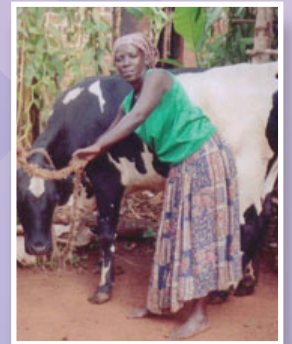
A team of ladies from **Ministry of Care**, based in Houston Texas, are flying to Kampala and will be ministering to several hundred widows. Living Waters Church has donated the use of their building for housing the widows who travel from other Districts, and use as a venue for the conference. **Ministry of Care** nurses together with a Ugandan doctor will treat the sick in a nearby Clinic run by Dr Edward and his dedicated staff.

For more information please email: ministryofcare1@yahoo.com

❖ Playground Project

Let Them Be Kids a charity in the USA formed by Ian Hill is planning to install a children's playground on the land. This will be used by the orphans connected with W.I.M and the local community. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. **You can be involved in this transformation of Kids lives in Uganda.**

**For more information contact Ian Hill
through the LBTk website: www.ltbk.org**



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can sponsor an elderly widow for £15/\$25 monthly. This will give her food, clothing, housing, medical care. Above all it gives her dignity and hope. She will know that someone cares!

You can sponsor a piglet or cow

A piglet can be purchased with a £10/\$20 donation. It is given to a widow and brings hope, joy, and a small income to her. A cow can be purchased for £150/\$300. A widow can use the milk to sell, or feed herself and children.

You can make a donation that will help to build the **WIDOWS CENTRE**.

You can be a part of this exciting project and help to give the widows in Uganda a future, dignity, hope, and a **voice** as they join together to rise out of object poverty.

O.D.M.I. is a registered charity no 1105122 in the UK and is registered as a non profit organisation in the USA. It is a ministry of compassion and has been involved with sending aid to Uganda for the past eighteen years. All volunteers pay for their own airfares and expenses. ALL money donated goes to the aid of the widows and orphans in Uganda. You can read more about our work and partnership with Widows Intercessors Ministry on our website www.opendoormissions.net

Can you help us to help the widows and orphans in Uganda?

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