



The Widow Program began in June of 2000 when Grace and Peace went into a Village located in the Dominican Republic where dominantly Haitian people were living.

We went to feed the children and several elderly ladies showed up asking for food. Once we inquired as to why only elderly women came with the children, we were informed that they were widows and had no means with which to provide for themselves without begging.

We started with 13 widows from that village and today provide food, medicine, clothing and housing to 100 Dominican/Haitian widows and a few widowers in 12 different communities in and around Barahona. Through generous donations over the years, Grace and Peace has built 43 homes for those widows in need.

The widows attend a local Bible Study in their community once a week and with your sponsorship, Grace and Peace provides them with food and medicine for each day.

As funds allow, we will do the following for your widow:

1. Install a cement floor if she needs one.
2. Install a patio around her house so she doesn't fall at night going to her outhouse.
3. Attach her bathroom to her home when a special donation is made in the amount of \$750.
4. Buy her a lightweight wringer/washers, cooktop stove, small propane tank for cooktop stove, bed, water tank and 2 chairs.

Each new widow with high blood pressure or diabetes is taken to a specialist for an assessment.

Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship Widow Adoption Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I would like to adopt: ____ widow(s)

I understand that I will send in \$50 each month or \$600 yearly to provide for my widow. If I miss sending my adoption pledge, I understand that my widow will be returned to the waiting list.

Pledge's Signature: _____

Dear Potential Donor,

Thank you for donating to the Widow Program. Once we have received your first donation, we will mail her picture and a short bio about her life to you. Once a widow is adopted and provided for on a monthly basis, she relies on us. Sometimes a widow may have a chronic medical need. If so, we will take her to a specialist to be sure she is on the best medical plan possible and make sure she is getting her medication regularly. We give her enough rice, beans, chicken bouillon and cooking oil to last her the month. When funds allow or clothing is donated, we make sure each widow gets what she needs. Your widow is plugged into a local Bible study or a local church depending on whether or not she is already going to church. As we watch this program grow, we have seen so many of our widows and widowers adopt us as their family. Many of them will say, "Because of you, I eat," and things along those lines because their life of begging is finally over. Also, they are no longer slaves to their children because they became a burden to them since they are poor as well. Some of them, on the other hand, have no family at all. We are their only family. We know you will take this adoption very seriously, but if you cannot continue with your obligation, please contact us as soon as possible. Please do not feel embarrassed at all. If you miss more than 1 month, we unfortunately must put her back on the waiting list and she will have to wait for the next donor. The Widow Program is one of the strongest programs we have in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for wanting to be a part of that.



Karen L Rumble
Director
Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship

NOTE: Please be sure to make your check payable to: Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship
Mailing Address: 2055 Pleasant Valley Road
Niles, Ohio 44446

Things your widow may need:

1. A Bed - \$160
2. A Stove - \$70
3. A Propane Tank for her stove - \$40
4. A Fan - \$60
5. A Water Reserve Tank - \$20
6. A Wringer/Washer (50's style) - \$200
7. 2 Chairs - \$40

These are a list of things your widow may need. Prayerfully consider helping her with anything on this list. Please know there is no pressure nor expectation from you. If you are able to sponsor her at \$50 a month, that is blessing enough.

If you decide you are able to help with any/all of these items, please email us at gracepeacemissn@aol.com or send your check to:

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Please don't write anything in the memo portion of your check. Simply attached a note to your check indicating your wishes.

Thank you for being part of the Widow Ministry of Grace and Peace.

Karen Rumble