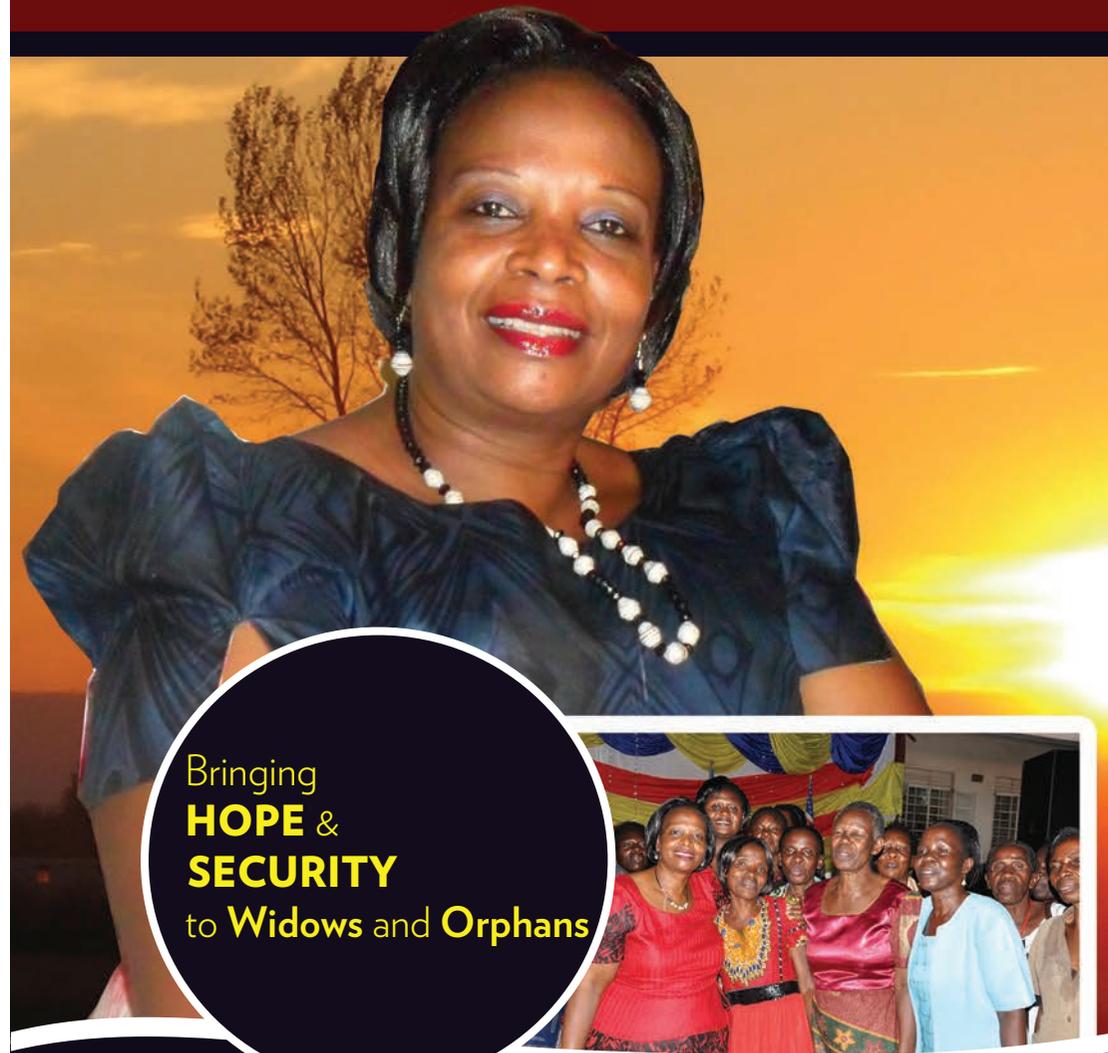


WIDOWS INTERCESSORS MINISTRIES (WIM)



Bringing
**HOPE &
SECURITY**
to **Widows and Orphans**

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the World. (James 1:27)

From Ruth's Heart



Dear precious partners and Friends I am deeply grateful to our father God and the Lord Jesus Christ as I write these words. When the lord first led me to launch this ministry in 1999, I had no idea at all where he was going to take us. 14 years down the road, God has showed us his compassion and faithfulness in fulfilling many of the dreams he put in our hearts.

Every time I stand on pulpit to teach widows or visit them in their homes to monitor the income generating activities that this ministry has helped start for them, and I see their faces light up with hope and joy, all I can do is lift up my hands in praise to the lord. Not many years ago I myself was poor, desperate widow, but now by the grace of God, you the partners and friends of Widows Intercessors Ministry, are enabling me minister to poor hurting widows and their Children, thereby effecting changes that will last for a long time.

I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to each one of you has over the years supported us with prayers, finances, words of encouragement, counsel, etc. I particularly express my gratitude to Rev. Christine Reading, the Director of Open Door Missions in UK and together with her family for the support and encouragement they have rendered to me and to the entire ministry. We still have a long way to go, but the far we have come would not have been possible without your input.

My prayer for my partners is that we shall continue to walk together, as we reach out to the numerous hurting widows and orphans. With over 2.5 million orphans of war and AIDS in Uganda, what we have done is very meager compared to the need. We will not be able to reach every orphan and widow, but with God's help, we shall endeavor to reach as many as we can and we shall.

Again, thank you, and the Lord richly bless and reward each of you.
Ruth.

AN OVERVIEW OF

WIDOWS INTERCESSORS MINISTRIES

BACKGROUND

Widows Intercessors Ministries (WIM) is a widow and orphan focused Christian organization started in 1999 and registered in 2004 by Pastor Ruth Mwalalwa in Uganda. Pastor Ruth lost her husband in 1991, and she was denied her rights, She become homeless, suffering with her three daughters, by that time the last born was 3yrs old. She suffered the rejection thus struggling the challenges of raising her children alone.

Ruth started gathering with other widows for prayer and mutual encouragement. It was out of those prayer meetings that widows' intercessors ministry was birthed. Ruth and her colleagues recognized that there were many other widows in and out of church who were facing insurmountable problems by themselves, and they had to be reached not only with prayers but with practical support as well.



Pr. Ruth with her team workers

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Uganda is a beautiful, ever green county Located in Eastern Africa. The country was a British Protectorate until 1962, when it gained independence. Unfortunately the country 50 years been plagued with civil wars badly hit by HIV and Aids. In early 1990s, Uganda held the unenviable position or the highest HIV prevalence rate in the world at 30% this rate has now dropped to 7%, but after leaving behind millions of widows and orphans. Widows in the country deal with challenges that are horrendous by any measure. Upon the deaths of their husbands, many are disinherited of their matrimonial Properties and reduce to abject poverty by relatives of the deceased men. The culture which demands that the women do not speak out defense of their rights also means their burdens. They cannot meet even basic needs like education for their children, shelter, medical care, food and clothing. Ruth herself passed thought the nasty experience of being disinherited and out of her pain she decided to do something about the plight of widows and orphans.

LEGAL STATUS

Widows intercessors Ministries is a registered in Uganda as accompany limited by guarantee and is registered to operate as non – profit, non-governmental organization, The ministry is represented and coordinated in UK by Rev. Christine Reading of Open Door Missions Int , December 2013 we launched WIM in Tala Kenya under the coordination of Mrs. Linar Nzomo



Rev. Christine Reading.
UK Coordinator

Purpose statement:

The ministry was established to contribute towards the welfare of widows and orphans by providing spiritual, physical, social, material and economic support.

Vision Statement:

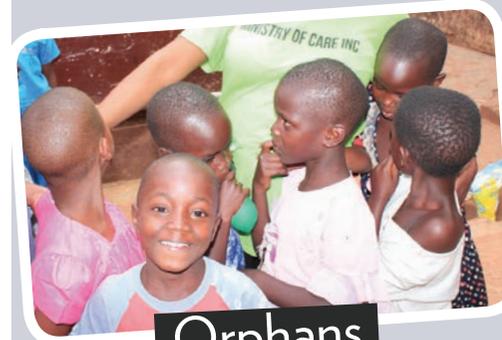
Bringing hope and security to widows and orphans.

Mission statement:

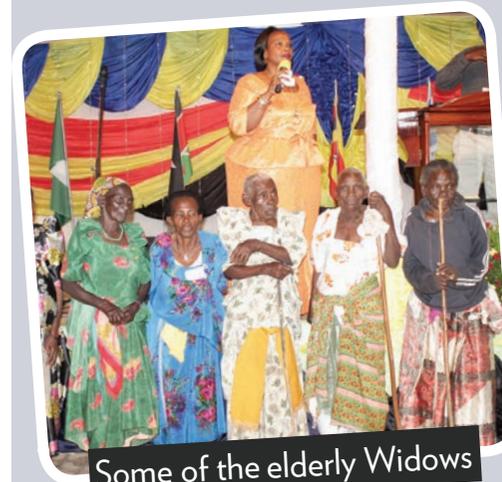
To meet the needs of hurting widows and orphans through Biblical teaching, Fellowship, Life skills training and Income Generating Projects.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2019-2021

- To equip widows with knowledge and skills in personal development and leadership.
- To make accessible legal and human rights education to widows.
- To offer life skills training to widows and their dependents.
- To promote and encourage positive living and coping strategies among widows and communities infected with HIV and AIDS.



Orphans



Some of the elderly Widows

WIM ACHIEVEMENTS

1. An annual national conference is held every May and several other seminars and conferences are held in different parts of the country throughout the year.

2. 13 cows have been distributed to 12 widow headed families, in 12 Districts when one gives birth to a calf we send it to another widow



Cow donated By ARM through Rosemarie Adcock (US)

3. 150 female pigs have been distributed to widows-headed families in 15 different districts



4. Mercy Eldery home. This home is currently supported by the project of Love headed by Lee Pans

5. In 2006 and 2015 a medical missionary team led by Sis Joy Osueke of care ministry from Huston us treated orphans and widows free of charge and in 2009, 2011 & 2014 a team from Huston US Center led by Dr Alice Smith of US Prayer Center and Pr Cindy Long from gate way Church gave free medical to over 1000 widows and orphans many received free spectacles and many other gifts.



Team From USA From Right Dr, Alice Smith, Debbie and Carol

6. Two bore holes were completed in two districts one in Namusale Nakaseke and kirungu Mityana District which are providing safe water in the two villages in partnership with Grass-roots Ministries from Canada.



Pond Serving an Entire Village Before the borehole



Ruth Commissioning anew Bore hole

7. 3 sewing machines were given to a group of 15 widows in 2012 in Mityana District

8. 4 Brick houses have been constructed for the most vulnerable widows.



New Brick House for an elderly Impoverished Widow replacing Her Shack Above



Another Brick House for an elderly Impoverished Widow replacing Her Shack below

9. 8 goats have been distributed in 2 districts.



10. At the moment we have rented a home which was provided by Butterfly-Love Project through Mrs. Lee Paris (USA) which is going to accommodate 8 elderly Widows.

11. Ruth has Ministered on Radio (TOP RADIO FM) three times a week 4:30 – 5:30am, reaching millions.

12. During conferences and seminars we gave out clothes, blankets, mosquito nets etc to widows.

13. We had a Medical Outreach Camp in 2016 sponsored by Divine purpose ministry led by Mrs. Joy Butele

Challenges

- High cost of medical services
- Feeding since some need special diet
- Caretakers
- More space
- Outreach demands

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

When I started in 1999, the main activity was intercession. Now, the ministry has diversified into different areas of ministry as described below.

Intercession:

Intercession remains a pillar in WIM. There is a deep recognition by all stake-holders, and especially the leadership of WIM, that it is only through prayers that the ministry can continue to fulfil its assignment.

Ruth's core message to widows is that they have to trust GOD and this trust is expressed best through a vibrant corporate and individual prayer life.



Conferences:

Since we started WIM has conducted an annual conferences for widows in Kampala. For a whole week, widows gather from all around Uganda, and beyond to pray together, being taught life skills, health hygiene and to forge partnership.

We speak to young widows and orphans of how to take care and preparing of them selves. We also do workshops for single mothers, orphans and young people during the conference. Ruth teaches in these conferences alongside other invited guest speakers from within Uganda and other nations. Through the year, mini-conference is held in different parts (districts) of Uganda for widows who are unable to travel to Kampala for the annual conference.

Counseling:

WIM'S office in Kampala is a contact point and counseling center for widows and orphans. Ruth and her assistants are on hand to offer counseling and prayer to all who seek it.

Income Generating Projects:

WIM understands that only a holistic ministry that ministers to the whole person can adequately bring changes in the lives of the hurting widows and orphans. Therefore WIM is engaged in providing widows headed families with pigs, goats and cows to be reared as a source of income. We also teach widows and orphans to make Craft materials and we provide sewing machines also as a source of income. As the lord provides, other viable projects will be initiated.



Life skills (vocational) training:

Whenever WIM conducts conferences, workshops are held where life skills are taught. WIM is in the process of setting up a large vocational center where sustainable training will be given in a more conducive atmosphere. The center will include a home for total orphans, a hostel, training halls, a clinic, a home for elderly, a guest house, as well as a crop and animal farming.

WIM NEEDS PARTNERS

Partnerships:

It takes united effort and inputs by different caring people to get any good work done. At WIM, we are deeply aware that we need God-loving people who have compassion for the hurting to partner with us. We trust God to speak to you, and many others to pitch in with us in this vital work of reaching out to widows and orphans. Right now, there are partnerships opportunities that we would like to share with you.

Prayer:

First and foremost, we need as much prayer as we can get. Pray for Ruth as she leads WIM, for Rev. Christine as she spearheads WIM's work in the UK, for other ladies working with Ruth in the Ugandan office, for the different outreaches of WIM, for God to open doors of provision, etc.

• **Land:** we need about 10 acres of land and that costs \$3500 per acre, on this we will Construction homes for the elderly widows, who are homeless, a multipurpose hall that will constitute the vocational training center.

• **Permanent elderly home:** to get this started constructing a house and furnituring it requires \$35000.

• **Boreholes:** Two bore holes were completed in two districts one in Namusale Nakaseke district and kirungu Mityana District in partnership with Grassroots Ministries from Canada. We are looking forward to build more boreholes in various districts and areas where the community is facing the problem of lack of clean water. Partner with us in this project. It needs about \$10,000 per borehole constructed.

• **Goat keeping:** This is currently in two districts, but we want to start it in other District. To support in this project each goat costs \$100

• **Piggery:** 150 female pigs have been distributed to widows-headed families in 15 different districts, but we still need to continue with this project in other districts To support in this project each pig costs \$30

• **Cattle keeping:** we currently have 13 cows in 12 districts, but we are looking forward to have a cow in each county. To support in this project each cow costs (crossbreed \$800) and (freshian cow \$1500), when it gives birth we pass the calf to a widow.

• **Tailoring:** we want to create workshops to teach tailoring to widows & orphans each sewing machines costs \$150.

• **Sensitization in various districts:** Teaching Widows, Orphans and the community their rights

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