

SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING



Widows' Skills Acquisition Center

Through the efforts of Widow's Might and approximately three hundred "Good Samaritans", individuals and churches who have prayerfully seeded into this ministry, the 2017 mission trip to Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria, was successfully completed. We are excited to announce that progress is continuing to advance the building of the Skills Acquisition Center.

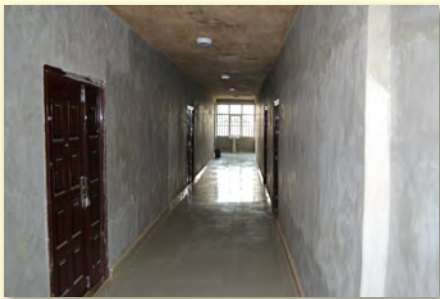
Laborers are currently completing the screeding of the cinderblock walls. This process is laborious, combining five ingredients in a concrete compound used to seal the inner and outer walls, so that the harsh sun and humidity will not disintegrate this structure. The reception area pictured to the right has been completed with screeding and is waiting to be painted. When the final five rooms are screeded, both levels of the inside will be ready for paint.



**WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE!**

Pastor Tony Agwaniru

“To be standing here is a mystery. It is not about me or us, it is all about what God has done. We are grateful to Him. He has done this for His widows.” Pastor Tony continued his praise of God with the following: “We live under a corrupt government.



THE HALL WAY

People are constantly coming and trying to get us to pay bribes. Others come to steal things and run away. In the early part of our construction, men were hired to destroy the building, but God prevailed.”

Tony’s wife, Hephzibah, added her thoughts regarding the building of this widows’ facility, “This is an amazing project. We knew that God wanted to do something with His widows when we met Mama Linda. Now, as we look at this, we cannot believe it is here and for His widows! It has been an amazing journey.”

Let perseverance finish its work. James 1:4



Two guard houses protect the front and the southern border of the property. The German Flooring pavement extends near the far gate. Two different fruit bearing trees are planted against the front wall and will produce within the next two years.

THE STRUGGLES

On the south end of the property, just outside the gates, a private school operates five days a week. The owner of the school approached Tony with the following comments.

“ I have seen pastors with faith, but I’ve not seen your type of faith. I thought you were crazy when I saw you building the foundation. If I had known your people, I would have called them and told them to stop you from wasting time and money. Now, I am amazed at the structure and excited to have the Widows’ Center as a neighbor.”

The personal costs to Tony and his family have been high. Tony rises early to go to the project. Hephzibah tells him he needs to rest and go later, but he says, “Mama and Papa have gone about raising money and they have been trusted. If anything happens and the money is not used as intended, God will not be happy, and I could not sleep.” People think that the Agwaniru family has lots of money. Yet, many times they have gone without food in their home. They have sacrificed personally while maintaining great integrity with God. Fellow pastors have spoken against Tony because he will not share the funds he gets from Widow’s Might Ministry.



LEVEL TWO RECEPTION AREA



LEVEL TWO FASHION AND DESIGN



STORAGE AND GENERATOR ROOMS



PLANNED USAGE FOR LEVEL ONE

As the widows enter the center, they will register at the reception area just behind the main entry on the first level. A manager's office with a waiting room is on this level just to the left of the reception area. Two other rooms house emergency first aid and legal services. Training to manufacture soaps, perfumes and hair creams will be conducted in two additional rooms on this floor. Air extraction and air conditioning are necessary to protect the women's respiratory systems. The Nigerian government must issue a national drug number to permit the Center to produce and sell these products. Culinary Arts will be taught in three of the large class rooms. The Hair Salon will be outfitted with sinks, dryers, chairs for manicures, pedicures, and for braiding. A break room is also found on this level.

PLANNED USAGE FOR LEVEL TWO

Fashion and Design will occupy the greatest amount of space on the second level. A cutting room will be adjacent to the design machines room. Located across the hallway are sewing machines, button machines and folding tables. Classes in machine maintenance will also be offered in that area of the building. The second floor will house a computer lab where the widows will become proficient in I.T. The lecture hall along with smaller classrooms are available for training.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This facility has two septic systems. Four bathrooms are located on each end of the structure on both levels. One wash bowl is available between the two sets of toilets at each location, thus yielding sixteen bathrooms and four wash basins.

Two stairwells in the front of the building allow for entrance and exit to the upper reception room. Both the stairwells and the reception room will be guarded and only registered participants will be allowed to enter the second level. An additional gated exit is available through the break room on this same level.



REAR GATED STAIRWELL



PROPOSED CLASSROOM

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil.1:6

THE CONFERENCE



Three thousand widows danced and praised God on December 20, 2017

Mama Linda gave them hope in Jesus!

The widows shouted with joy when Mama Linda arrived.

The Harmattan winds blew so much sand through the atmosphere that Wally and Linda's flight was turned back to Lagos only fifteen minutes into their journey to Asaba. An extra day was required before they arrived to prepare for the Widows Conference.

As in years past, Pastor Tony blessed the widows with fresh beef, staple goods, fabric



wraps, and fresh produce to take home for their Christmas celebration. The women are always thrilled to receive these gifts.

This year, each woman also received a beautiful pearl and crystal bracelet handcrafted by American women. Its purpose was not only ornamental, but designed to share the Gospel message. Mama Linda clearly spoke to the salvation message and instructed the women on how they could be ambassadors for Christ by telling others the good news of Jesus.



Tony and Hephzibah Agwaniru welcome the widows with Linda

God spoke to Pastors Tony and Hephzibah in 2004 and told them His vision for the widows of Onitsha and the surrounding area. His call on Tony was to love the widows and provide for them according to the Word of God.

That same year, God sent Mama Linda to Nigeria to work with Pastor Tony, sight unseen! A Nigerian pastor she met in Texas during the “Big Feed”, a food and gospel distribution ministry across the border in Mexico, said he could connect Linda to a man and woman she would love.

Thirteen years later Widow’s Might Ministry International is thriving under Pastor Tony and Pastor Hephzibah.

A huge thank you to “Gideon’s 300”, the donors that support WMMI. You have made all this possible through your obedience to the Lord with your prayers and your financial support.

GOD BLESS YOU



December 20th

For the last thirteen years, early in the morning of December 20th, the land surrounding Shekinah Love Assembly Church in Onitsha appears to be covered in bright fabrics.



Upon closer inspection, one realizes that the fabrics are being worn by widows who have traveled for as many as three days to attend this one-day event dedicated solely to them.



Weeks of preparation have led to this great day. Anonymous donors from around Nigeria who believe in Pastor Tony and in the Lord have contributed toward the purchase of all the gifts. Widow's Might Ministry always participates with purchases for the widows.



Widows claim their "territory" at the fuel station next to the church. They greet Mama Linda as soon as she arrives.



Earlier in the week, Mama Linda had spoken at the Police Area Command, sharing the gospel with these police women. They said it was a blessing to be able to protect her during this widows' day in Onitsha, Anambra State, Nigeria.



Our fellow worker with Widow's Might Ministry, Mihai Ratchie, returned to Moldova in late December to celebrate Christmas with several of the churches. Widow's Might provided the meals while Mihai brought the Word of God. The widows who attended were richly blessed and expressed their thankfulness to Widow's Might for our consistent love and attention. Plans are currently underway to travel to Moldova again in late July and early August to continue this blessed work.



Christmas in Moldova was celebrated in the churches we visit each summer. Thank you for blessing God's widows.



NEWS FLASH

NEW PICTURES JUST ARRIVED
PRAISE THE LORD



All the painting is completed on the outside of the Widows' Skills Acquisition Center! Within the next two weeks the inside will also be done. Thank you for helping Pastor Tony make this possible. At Christmas the fruit bearing trees pictured here had just been planted. They were tiny saplings. They represent what will happen with the precious widows as they begin to grow in their chosen areas of training and in their maturation as women of God.

Pictured here are samples of the equipment that will be used in design center. Notice that these are treadle sewing machines. This style was chosen because of the lack of electricity available to the widows in their villages. As they train on these machines, they will be able to prosper in their home environment.



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A button hole machine and an embroidery machine have been purchased to be used as an income producer at the center. Training on these machines will be available to the widows. One of the classrooms has been designated as a pattern making-cutting room. This will require large tables that will be built in that room.

Unlike America, where clothing patterns can be secured from a dry goods store, Africans use tape measures and draw out patterns according to the individual measurements of their clients. Also, many



seamstresses and tailors in Nigeria carry



portable machines on their shoulders to repair damaged goods, as well as new merchandise. This is historically reminiscent of the 1800's and early 1900's when tinkers

traveled from town to town in America with their wares. Business practiced in this manner reflects how this type of commerce is generally conducted in African villages today.

Easter 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Notice that this letter is dated Easter, 2018-RESURRECTION SUNDAY. What a great time to communicate with you. God is smiling because of the prayers, energy, time, finances and FAITH that all of us have invested into thousands of suffering widows for the past sixteen years. I truly believe that He has honored Himself through this ministry as non-believers, and believers have seen Him extend His RESURRECTION POWER into these women through Widow's Might Ministry.

Many of you have gone beyond any expectation I ever had as you have given so much of yourselves to the widows' needs. A member of our working board, Doris Lucas, has recently gone home to the Lord. She passionately threw herself into this ministry. It is with great thankfulness that Doris came alongside Widow's Might. She will be greatly missed, not only for her friendship, zeal and giftedness, but also for the sacrificial way she chose to serve the widows. Thank You, Lord, for placing Doris in the center of the widows' hearts.

May each of you be richly blessed during this season of the year. May you walk in health and prosper. May God continue to use you mightily as you serve Him. Please know how much you are loved and appreciated.

In Him,

Mama Linda

PHASE II FOR NIGERIA

The building's up!

Now we need to fill it with equipment!

HAIR AND NAIL SALON

CULLINARY

COMPUTER



FASHION & DESIGN

MANAGEMENT

LOTIONS & SOAPS

PLEASE PRAY AND DONATE

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