

WIN
A Project for Widows and Orphans in Need
“A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in His holy habitation.” (Psalm 68:5)

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WIN stands for **Widows and Orphans In Need**. It is hard, if not impossible to ignore the heart-cry of God that His people should look after widows and orphans. There are many disadvantaged groups in society and, depending on the culture and the community, often widows and orphans constitute a visibly disadvantaged group.

WIN is a Project within Living Hope Church, established as an international “support” organisation, devoted to meeting the needs of widows and orphans who are living in abject poverty, with its accompanying effects on their health, mobility and dignity. WIN was established to achieve the following aims:

- i. To fundraise and manage funds for assisting widows and orphans in need;
- ii. To link widows and orphans in need to resources that can help them to overcome the trauma of bereavement, the constraints of loneliness, financial and social exclusion;
- iii. To assist widows and orphans in need to regain their self-esteem in order to be able to participate productively within the local economy;
- iv. To fund, encourage and work with other organisations in the field, in order to minimise duplication of efforts and achieve better outcomes through co-operation and partnership working.

WIN seeks to assist widows and orphans in need to develop their self-esteem, skills and knowledge. WIN seeks to support orphans and widows, and their local communities through:

-  Training grants and sponsorship programmes, especially, for orphans
-  Self-help initiatives for widows, particularly, for starting small-scale businesses
-  Provision of community infrastructure, such as local irrigation projects, boreholes for water provision, electricity generating plants, local health clinics, local schools and other similar services which can help to transform the life and environment of widows and orphans in need
-  Information and access to appropriate support, for instance, through housing and health initiatives
-  Information and access to appropriate avenues for personal and social skills development
-  Events and initiatives promoting health awareness

-  Events and initiatives promoting social awareness
-  Events and initiatives promoting cultural awareness
-  Events and initiatives promoting spiritual awareness
-  Opportunities for improving literacy and numeracy
-  Opportunities for volunteering in the community

Whilst the focus of our work will be the war-ravaged areas of Africa, WIN is open to assist widows and orphans in Asia and Eastern Europe, especially, if donors specifically request their donations and grants should be earmarked for these areas. Those who donate to WIN or support WIN in any other ways are referred to as WINNERS.

You can support WIN in the following ways:

A One-off Single Gift

You can send a cheque payable to WIN. Please feel free to download the **Information Form for Winners** from our website at www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

If you wish to make a one-off single gift online, you can also do so when you visit our website – www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

A regular monthly Gift

You can send a cheque payable to WIN on a monthly basis. Please feel free to download the **Information Form for Winners** from our website at www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

If you wish to set up a regular monthly donation online, you can also do so when you visit our website – www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

Sponsor A Child

Child sponsorship is not child adoption. You will not be the child's parent or legal guardian but you will freely contribute towards the maintenance and schooling of the child. You will be advised of the monthly cost and you will be required to commit to at least 12 months of sponsorship. The child sponsorship cost will include some administration fees.

If you wish to **Sponsor A Child**, please feel free to download the **Information Form for Winners** from our website at www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

If you wish to set up your sponsorship details online, you can also do so when you visit our website – www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

Sponsor A Project

Wherever possible, WIN will work with local agencies, especially, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to establish, continue or complete community infrastructure projects, such as local irrigation projects, boreholes for water provision, electricity generating plants, local health clinics, local schools and other similar services which can help transform the life and environment of widows and orphans in need.

The project sponsorship cost will include some administration fees. If you wish to **Sponsor A Project**, please feel free to download the **Information Form for Winners** from our website at www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

If you wish to set up your sponsorship details online, you can also do so when you visit our website – www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

If you are already aware of a project that you wish to support, please state so in the **Information Form For Winners**.

Join our Mailing List

You can also join our mailing list. All friends of WIN are WINNERS. You will receive regular updates about the work of WIN and how particular individuals and communities are benefiting from your support. If you wish to join our mailing list, please visit our website at www.livinghopechurch.co.uk.

Some Scriptures on Widows and Orphans

Jeremiah 49:11

Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in Me."

Malachi 3:5

"And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien - because they do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

1Timothy 5:3

Honour widows who are really widows.

1Timothy 5:14, 16

Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully... If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

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Thank you for your support!