

Heading Home from Living in Forest

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Struggling to survive while living in the forest to escape war.

As we first reported in the February 2024 newsletter, many of the church members in Myanmar had to flee from their homes and live in the forest due to violence in their village. Children in Ohio raised funds to help them purchase rice and we have been



Returning to find their homes badly damaged by bombing.

able to send other help periodically. We were delighted when Pastor Richard reported that the war has moved out of their village, and they can now return home. After so many months of living in a forest I am sure this was wonderful news to the sixty people facing such daunting challenges.



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While this is welcomed news, several hurdles remain before they can return to their homes. The government has shut off electricity, so they are in need of a generator to run the pump and provide water. Also, two of the families' homes were so damaged by the bombing that they cannot live in them until repairs are made. Please keep these precious friends in your prayers and any donations to help them rebuild their lives will be a blessing! Also, please pray for seven of the young people who were kidnapped and are now being forced to serve in the Army. Citizens in Myanmar have suffered greatly since the coup began over four years ago.

Widows Need Help in India



Durga needs \$150 to buy a sewing machine.

Durga was left a widow when her husband died of cancer. Since both of her children are mentally and physically handicapped, she cannot leave them during the day to go to work. They need 24 hour a day care from her. We would love to give her a new sewing machine at a cost of \$150. This would enable her to provide a living for her and her children.



Home for Durga and her two children.



Treveni also needs a sewing machine.

Treveni's husband died in an accident and left her to provide for her two children. She is working in a wholesale shop and receives a small income. In the caste in which she lives, when a young woman like Treveni becomes a widow, she will face much abuse. They believe that if you look in a widow's face in the morning it brings bad luck. For this reason, her employer abuses her terribly. It will be several years before she is allowed to lose this stigma and remarry. She is currently in the Feed My People tailoring school and will need her own sewing machine. She will be able to work at home and care for her children as she earns an income.

In DR Congo They Are Not Alone!

We have been sharing news from the current struggle our friends in DR Congo are facing as the violence spreads. We cannot imagine how difficult it is for them as they continue to be displaced, hiding from soldiers and gunfire and struggling to provide food and safety for the children in their care. And yet, even in the face of such brokenness and despair, **there is hope---they know they are not alone!** They know the heart of our loving Father is turned towards them. They know they are not forgotten because you have chosen to share in their suffering and have been moved to action on their behalf. Every prayer and every gift is vital and very much appreciated as they trust God to see them through this time of suffering.

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