

prayer focus



# the Lord's servants



Daily, dedicated Christian women in South Africa visit the homes of AIDS patients. Khothatsong's home-based care workers bring nutritious food baskets, offer counsel, and assist the seriously ill with admission to the AIDS hospice.

"I help because I realize there are many people who are ill and we need to take care of them. Some of them stay alone in their houses with no one who will care for them. I see the hand of God in the work as they get better physically and healed spiritually." NOSISHE

“When the patient gets better he or she will spread the word to other HIV sufferers in the community that will allow them to be helped. And if the patient dies, the work doesn’t stop. We visit the family and give them counselling.” ROSE

**“The big problem is that when people are HIV positive they are abandoned by the communities and left alone. They are helpless.” NOSISHE**

“Often we get rejected on our first visit, but we don’t give up. We will go time and time again.” ROSE

These exceptional women serve wholeheartedly, viewing their work as a calling from God. It is never easy and can be especially difficult when a patient dies. As they use their talents to serve, these workers direct the AIDS patients to our Saviour who is their only hope for healing their body and soul.

**CRWRF PARTNERS IN SOUTH AFRICA:** Khothatsong AIDS Committee, Dingaansat Home-Based Care Committees

**CRWRF BEST PRACTICES:** Local believers in Christ are using their talents, time, and resources to respond to the problems caused by AIDS in their communities. CRWRF support enables their service to be multiplied and have an even greater impact.

## family devotions - 1 THESSALONIANS 2:8 AND LUKE 10:25-37

Why do people ignore or even shun those who are ill and dying of HIV/AIDS? Why does it take courage to help? Considering the text in Thessalonians, what motivates the workers to keep on helping? How can we help out?

### PRAY FOR

- ✎ Strength, health, and encouragement for the hospice and home-based care workers.
- ✎ Sufficient resources for offering practical help.
- ✎ Appropriate words of truth and love to share with patients and their families.
- ✎ A strong witness of Christ-motivated service in the communities where home-based care workers serve.