


prayer for orphans



the orphans



It is the grandmothers of Africa, more than any other group, who carry the burden of children orphaned by AIDS.

Elderly women, who under normal circumstances would rely on their adult children for financial support, are now the primary caregivers in a home full of grandchildren whose parents have all died of AIDS. Planting crops, washing clothes, and feeding the growing household require hard work. Regardless of backaches, sore and swollen legs, or arthritic hands, out of love for their grandchildren they keep on going.

As the young, productive generation dies of AIDS, there are fewer people to grow food, to give community service, to instruct children, and to provide other essential services, like healthcare. There are more than 40 million people worldwide living with AIDS, and 90 percent of them live in poor countries without the means to respond adequately.

In Kenya, the Family First Focus program works along side of grandmothers and other guardians who care for orphans.

The FFF program provides:

- ▶ financial support to the impoverished households of those who care for the orphaned children
- ▶ school fees and educational for the orphaned children
- ▶ Bible teaching by loving and concerned Christians
- ▶ skills training and agricultural help for the guardians and older children so their efforts can yield greater economic returns
- ▶ emotional and spiritual support to everyone in the household affected by AIDS

CRWRF BEST PRACTICE: CRWRF enables orphaned children to remain with their siblings, in the care of their extended families and continue to participate in community life. In this way families can then fulfill their responsibility to care for each other.

family devotions - 1 TIMOTHY 5:1-8

Families are an institution established by God for the provision of mutual care and nurturing in godliness. According to Scripture, what are some responsibilities that family members have toward each other? How does the Family First Focus (FFF) program try to achieve some of these goals?

PRAY FOR

- ✎ Sufficient resources for grandmothers and others who care for orphaned children.
- ✎ Protection and care of the thousands of children left orphaned due to AIDS each year.
- ✎ The Family First Focus program in communities close to Achego and Tumaini Homes.
- ✎ The orphans to find Christ to be their source of comfort and hope.