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Your prayers are very important for a ministry like ours, so we implore you to include us in your prayer list. We do not want to inundate you with a long list of prayer requests, but here are our top prayer request(s) for this month.

Request: Pray for widows, orphans and local missionaries who work to bring salvation, hope and healing to their communities.

Thanks for your response to last month's report on a new rehabilitation project for the town of Odogbolu (see https://ife-global.org/web_Prayer_Bulletin_Jul-2024.pdf). We have made progress with the landlord in getting the building ready for our use, but there's still more to be done. The local church in Odogbolu is working closely with the landlord to determine which areas we can help to get the building functionally ready with running water and electricity before occupancy. Please continue to pray for us in this area – we shall give you updates in future reports.



A widow's roadside food business

This month we want to ask for prayers for widows and orphans. In a country like Nigeria, it's easy to be overlooked or forgotten when the primary bread winner for the family is deceased. Psalm 68 verse 5 says God is a father to the fatherless, and a defender of widows. James also described "pure" or "true" religion as this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world (James 1: 27).

Our ministry partners are focused on preaching the Gospel, helping to change lives, and doing everything possible to support the needy so they can be independent and contribute positively to their community.

An example is Mrs "O" (in the picture), a widow with 4 children – two of them teenagers. She is the sole bread winner for the family, and she's also an active member of the church. In a community where there are many needy families, Mrs "O" does not have the luxury of playing the

role of a "needy widow" who depends on charity to survive. She's determined to raise her children to know and fear God, and to give them the education they deserve to succeed in the competitive society they live in. Mrs "O" makes her income from cooking and selling "Akara and Bread" to passersby on a dirt roadside in the town – she couldn't even afford a shed or shop. She has the peace that comes only from knowing that God alone can supply all her needs.

Pioneer missionaries in Africa brought the Gospel to the continent. What many people don't know is how they managed to win the trust and friendship of the local people and get them to be prepared for the Gospel message. They introduced European education – establishing schools that were fully funded by mission funds from their home countries. Many of those mission schools helped train the leaders of independent Africa for many years.

Early missionaries established hospitals that provided free healthcare to the poor and to low-income communities. These missionaries passed on their legacy to a new generation of trained locals who carry on the work of evangelism within their communities. The only difference between the pioneer period and modern-day African missionaries is the lack of monetary and other support that the pioneers had but modern local missionaries don't. IFE Global Outreach is stepping up to help bridge that gap and provide greatly needed resources to local missionaries so they can function effectively and do what God has called them to do in their communities.

Pray for the widows and orphans who are struggling to survive in very difficult economic circumstances that exist in Nigeria today. Pray that they will be drawn closer to God – not to be discouraged and question if there is a God – as some political leaders tell them. Pray for their health. Pray that their sons and daughters will have access to education and training that will help them to become independent and to support others in their communities. Pray for local missionaries who have received the call from God to minister to their communities. Pray that God will meet their personal needs so they can be free and highly motivated to preach the gospel and help the needy in their communities.

Our purpose at Ife Global Outreach has always been to assist frontline churches and missionaries in communicating the true Gospel message to remote communities in Africa. To be effective, we use humanitarian assistance to meet the immediate needs of individuals or communities where possible, to demonstrate God's love and care regardless of the religious background of the recipient. Pray for this ministry, that Ife Global Outreach will have enough funds to support pastors and local missionaries in remote regions of Africa. Pray for encouragement for missionaries who are working in remote villages where nobody wants to go. Pray that they will have wisdom to share the Gospel even when they can't meet the physical needs of the people.

When pastors and missionaries on the field share their needs with this ministry, we can only supply out of the little funds we have on hand. There's a lot we can do to be effective, but we have limited resources. Please pray that God will raise up more Christians in the Western World who will have compassion to give monthly support to the work of this ministry from what God already blessed them with.

If you missed out on previous months' reports, please go to our website <http://ife-global.org> and click on the "Ministry Updates" link to view or download pdf copies of our monthly report.

We urgently need **monthly** support partners to survive. If God has placed on your mind to give in support of our work, please do so on our website: <http://Ife-Global.org>