

VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS JAMES 1:25

Although we have been supplying help for indigent widowed sisters and their children in India for about 20 years the increase in the number of conversions and congregations in recent years has brought a surge in the number of those who need our assistance. However, we continue to require, except in extreme cases, that a widow who is baptized wait from 18 to 24 months to prove her conversion was real and not just for loaves and fishes. We began "OPERATION COMPASSION" about 3 years ago to encourage brothers, sisters and young people in the States to help in this effort. Since then we have received about \$65,000 for that work and have spent about \$88,000. This year alone 64 indigent widows have been helped and we have about 93 who are waiting.

When the brothers determine which widow gets how many goats or if a cow, they must go to the market and purchase the animals. Then hopefully they can engage a small truck to deliver them to

their new owners. However, Jim and his coworker were unable to hire a truck on their day at the market so they had to settle for a 12 mile trip in the rickshaw with the driver, 2 preachers and 5 goats!

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