

CHAIN REACHES OUT TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Our care for the widows and orphans programme at Christmas for 2009 was held in the CHAIN premises on Friday, the 18th of December, 2009. A total of one hundred (100) beneficiaries were invited (50 widows, 50 orphans) and the turn out was total.

The occasion was graced by elder Elisha Buba Yero, the special adviser to the Kaduna State Governor on Christian affairs (special guest), Mama Onazi – the permanent secretary, Kaduna state ministry of agriculture, Rev. Joshua B. Magaji- the Assistant secretary general of the Kaduna state chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Mrs. Christy Danladi Boro (resource person) an educationist and a widow, Rev. J. Yeri – the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Jama'a local government area and our good friends from the Media.

The resource person Mrs. Christy Danladi Boro spoke on the topic “**ALL HOPES ARE NOT LOST**”. She said widowhood is just a change in status rather than a stigma, so widows should not despair and resign their fates to misery. She encouraged widows not to be dependent on people but on God and should search deeply inside themselves and bring out potentials in them and put them to work. They should be persons with visions. She further told the widows that for them to be successful, they must be skilful, gifted, resourceful and quick to embrace opportunities. She reminded them that success is not a gift but a choice that becomes a reality by one accepting responsibilities and working hard.

Mama Onazi in her own exhortation encouraged widows and orphans to be strong in the Lord and look for what to do with the little they have. She reminded them of Naomi and Ruth and other widows/orphans in the Bible. She further told the story of the widow and Elisha in 2 Kings 4:2-7. She left with a challenging question to the widows “what do you have?”

The special guest of honour Elder Elisha Buba Yero reminded the widows and orphans that God is with and for them and that He will not let go of them or let them down. He said for the fact that today (18th December 2009) a non-governmental organization is hosting them to an end of year Christmas gala means that God is using others to carter for their needs. He further said that God has a soft spot for widows and orphans that is why when widows and orphan cry to God, He is moved by compassion to act. Elder Yero also said that because of the immense importance of the widows/orphans ministry, Jesus disciples from the onset of their ministrations, created a separate body led by Stephen to handle and attend to the care and needs of this deprived group.

The Chief executive officer of CHAIN, Rev J. J. Hayab earlier on, introduced the CHAIN organization to the gathering and encouraged them to come to its office if they have any challenges.

To brighten the Christmas for the widows and orphan in 2009, the CHAIN presented a wrapper to each of the widows and the sum of five thousand Naira (₦5,000) to each of the orphans.

At the end of the presentation, a widow Mrs. Cecilia Saidu Eakam and her daughter miss Godiya Saidu thanked the CHAIN on behalf of other recipients and prayed that God should strengthen the organization and raise it to greater heights. The gathering was refreshed and entertained, closing prayer said and closed.

We want to place on records, our immense gratitude to our Donors and contributors towards the success of this programme and pray along with the widows and orphans that may God continue to strengthen and elevate them to higher heights.

CHAIN