

## PURE AND UNDEFINED RELIGION ILLUSTRATED: BALAMAISAMMA AND CHINNAMMA

The compassion that is to be shown to widows is expected because such reflects the compassion of the Almighty God. A failure to show compassion to the downtrodden (fatherless and widows) is a cursed behavior (Deuteronomy 27:19). Those who send widows away "empty" are recognized as "wicked" (Job 22: 5, 9). One of the most marvelous compliments in Scripture is spoken by Job, "I caused the widow's hearts to sing for joy" (29:13b). Of course the most recognized passage regarding the widow is the one that defines compassion toward her as evidence of one's "pure and undefiled religion" (James 1:27).

Many times we ship benevolent items to congregations in distant countries and receive uplifting reports on those who benefitted from the Church's distribution of these commodities. The container that we shipped to India provides a very good illustration of this point. That container was loaded in Judsonia, AR and shipped to Mumbai and then trucked to Jaducherla. Our brother Immadi Deenadayal has been coordinating the distribution and sending back reports.

The below email describes how the container we shipped has been used to help two elderly widows who were in great distress. Among the commodities shipped were some buckets of rice that David and Genny Lawyer packed.

Read the below report and rejoice in the marvelous work that the Lord's Church is doing as it distributes these commodities. Thank you to all involved in even the least aspect of our efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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**From:** is deenadayal [<mailto:dimmadi@yahoo.com>]

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**Subject:** long live brother David and John

Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The poor and needy people, government officials political leaders have already conveyed their thanks to you. I continue to convey the thanks. Now, widows are conveying their thanks for your sacrificial helps. Since you shipped many things to our country. All kinds of poor and needy people are benefitted.

We sincerely thank you for sending fine rice. The rice is the main food grain which we eat. Some people eat rice two times a day. Almost all the poor people eat rice three times a day. They do not prepare bread, etc for breakfast. Because rice is very easy to cook. It takes only ten minutes to cook the rice. So the rice is the main essential commodity. We distributed

some rice to the poor. Still I have some rice with me. Two widows are in our congregation:  
1. Balamaisamma 2. Chinnamma

The rice which I have with me is enough to feed these two widows for one year. So I decided to use this rice to feed these two widows. So I have taken these two widows into my house last week. My wife Victoria gladly agreed to cook for these two widows. I and my wife decided to share our curries (vegetables) and tea with these two widows. My wife is cooking for them also. We take tea twice a day and we are providing these widows also the tea. You have graciously sent us some soaps oils etc. We have given some soaps etc to the widows. We specially thank you for the kind heart. I have given blankets and two walking sticks to these widows.



Balamaisamma & Victoria

We honestly thank you for the walking sticks which are very useful for the aged people. I am furnishing below some information of these two widows.

1. Balamaisamma: She is 84 years old. Her husband died long back. He passed away 20 years back. No children. Since then she is doing some labour and earning her daily bread. Since two years she is un-able to do any work. Some kind hearted Christians use to help her now and then. She was eating, some times once in a day, some times twice and some times, she was starving. Now she will eat thrice a day for one year. I explained the widows about your helps and clearly told them that because of your helps, we are able to feed them. Balamaisamma said, *"I BOW BEFORE THE KIND AMERICANS FOR THEIR GRACIOUS HELPS."* Thank you all very much for your kind helps.



Chinnamma

2. Chinnamma: She is 78 years old. Her husband passed away 10 years back. She had some agriculture land. Since she has no children, the brothers of her husband dragged the land from her after the death of her husband. Since then, she was doing some work on fields and was trying to meet her hunger. Since one year she became weak and un-able to do any thing. Her distant relative was helping her some meager amount because of that she could feed herself once in a day. Now she is very very happy, she said I have no problem for one year. I request God to call me in this year to His presence. These two widows said that they wish you long life.

Dear brethren, we sincerely thank you once again for your container. We received many things from that which are very useful to the poor.

In Christian love, Immadi