

# JAMES 1:27 FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## QUICK NOTES:

- Remember the James 1:27 Foundation in your estate planning. If you would like to contribute to our endowment fund please contact Dave Jones, Foundation President at (540) 664-1827 or president@jamesfoundation.com
- All donations are tax deductible and go directly to widows and orphans in need (Board members pay for all operating expenses)
- If you know a widow or orphan in need, please contact the Executive Director, Melissa Kerns at (540) 667-1027 or info@JamesFoundation.com
- Volunteers are always welcome. Contact us with your desire and skills.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT—DAVE JONES

As we enter the hot, hazy months of summer full of barbecues and beach vacations, many of us seek opportunities to throttle back and relax. It can be a great time to create family memories, and I hope that you are able to enjoy some down time with your loved ones. As we hit the water, the beaches, and our decks, I would humbly ask that we also hit our knees to thank the Lord for our abundant blessings. And as we reflect on our good fortunes, let's not forget to include widows and orphans in our prayers.

While others enjoy vacations and relaxation, widows often work second jobs just to make ends meet. While most of us are out building memories with family, widows and orphans deal with painful memories and feelings of loss. I encourage all of us to reach out in prayer and financial giving to the less fortunate all around us as they quietly fight to keep their heads above water. Let's come together as a force for good and make a difference in their lives.

We hope you will join us for our September 17<sup>th</sup> Golf Fundraiser & Barbecue at Rock Harbor Golf Course. Let's take a day to pick up our clubs for a great cause! We won't be hosting a Gala this year, so please join us for a fun day of golf followed im-

mediately by a delicious barbecue. A queen-sized "Winchester Apple Blossom pink & green" quilt and other local art will be raffled at the dinner. If you don't golf, we hope you will still come and enjoy some food and fellowship for a great cause that night. It promises to be loads of fun!

Despite the economy and world events, we are still the most prosperous people in world history. Your donations, no matter the size, are the lifeblood of the James 1:27 Foundation. Thank you for your past and future contributions. Please remember that one hundred percent of all donations go directly to the needs of widows and orphans in our local communities. May the Lord richly bless you in proportion to your generosity!



Quilt and other local art to be raffled at the September 17th Golf Fundraiser & Barbecue



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## COMFORT IN CRISIS

### A THANK YOU FROM MELISSA KERNS — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I wish that I could personally thank each and every one of you for enabling us to continue the mission of the James 1:27 Foundation. I also wish that you could see the way your support brings hope to so many widows and orphans in their time of need. And I especially wish that you could have heard one widow say to me recently, “I don’t know what would have happened to me or my children if it wasn’t for the James 1:27 Foundation.”

We are so grateful to you, our supporters, for not forsaking the needs of local widows and orphans even in difficult economic times. Because of you, we have already provided financial assistance to half a dozen new widows and their children this year. One of our newest widows has six children between the ages of 9 months and 12 years of age. What a joy it was to be able to help this family

move to a new home and to provide beds and clothing for the children!

Oftentimes our widows need more than financial assistance; they need a helping hand, someone to caulk drafty windows, fix water leaks, inspect appliances, repair drywall and much more! Our Service Committee, chaired by Brent Ebeling, has done an outstanding job of meeting these needs. Simple home repairs can be major setbacks to widows. The Service Committee has stepped in with willing hearts to lift these overwhelming burdens from these families.

Your prayers and gifts really do change the lives of so many—including mine! I feel so blessed to meet these ladies and their children, and to work so closely with each of them. Thank you, and God bless each and every one!

### ABOUT US

James 1:27 Foundation seeks to provide financial, emotional and spiritual assistance to women and children in times of distress by easing the burden of living expenses, expanding educational and employment opportunities, offering prayer support and comfort through the teachings of the Bible, or providing other charitable services relating to the welfare of widows and orphans living primarily in the Winchester, Virginia area.

Your prayers and generous contributions are the fuel of the James 1:27 engine. Please consider those less fortunate. The Foundation and more importantly the widows of this region are extremely grateful for your continued support. Donations should be sent to:

James Foundation  
P O Box 781  
Winchester, VA 22604

### IF YOU'RE NOT A GOLFER, BUT WOULD LOVE TO SUPPORT JAMES 1:27

Please join us for Barbecue, Bluegrass, and Cocktails after the Golf Tournament on September 17, 2009. For just \$25 per person you can contribute to this necessary effort, and have a great time in the process! This organization can only support these widows and orphans with YOUR HELP, so please join us September 17th for fun and a great cause! In lieu of a gala, this is our primary “fun”raiser this year.