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We are excited to share with you some of the accomplishments that The James 1:27 Foundation has had in 2007! It's been a very busy year and the Foundation has helped many in our area thanks to your contributions! In the past year, we have been able to help eighteen of our widows that were in need. The foundation has expanded its reach with applications for five new widows seeking our help in their time of crisis. The Foundation helped with home heating and electric bills, medical expenses, groceries items and many other needs! The Foundations provided our widows with home visits, counseling, and referrals to other local agencies to assist them and their families move towards independence.

MEET A FOUNDATION WIDOW, TINA NAIL

I heard about the James 1:27 Foundation through the Department of Social Services in 2003. I had been in the hospital and was very ill and almost lost my life. I was out of work and my husband had been diagnosed with colon cancer in February of 2002. The cancer was in stage IV when it was found. I came home on June 16, 2003 from the hospital and dedicated my time to taking care of my husband. On October 2, 2003 my husband passed away. I felt like I was out in the middle of a deep blue sea bobbing along and when I would feel like I could finally get a breath I would feel that someone was pushing me under the water. I've never felt so desolate in my life. I contacted social services looking for any assistance that I could find and they were only able to help me to purchase groceries. I was not healthy enough to go back to work at this time and I did not know what I was going to do. Social services gave me the phone number to the

James 1:27 Foundation and I was able to contact them. The Foundation was very kind to me and they have helped me with numerous bills, grocery assistance, medical assistance, and helped me with mortgage payments. The Foundation has been invaluable to me calling me to see how I was doing and continuously praying for me. They were there for me emotionally, financially and spiritually. I feel that women in general are so busy taking care of their families and the home and when a situation like mine comes along, losing my husband, we find ourselves devastated and lost. The Foundation took a lot of the financial burden off of me but they also gave me hope knowing that there was someone out there that was really trying to help and cared for me. The members of this Foundation definitely function through the James 1:27 scripture. I was at a lonely place in my life and the Foundation was always there sincerely caring for me. When friends were tired of listening and focusing on their own lives, Foundation members were there.

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 email 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.



JAMES 1:27 Foundation

Comfort in Crisis

UPDATE

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 as winter is still upon us. The Foundation and more importantly the widows of this region are extremely grateful for your continued support. Donations should be sent to:

James 1:27 Foundation
PO.Box 781
Winchester, VA 22604



Serving Wincher and surrounding areas

MEET MELISSA KERNS

We are delighted to welcome Melissa Kerns as our new Executive Director! Her passion, enthusiasm, and organizational skills have already blessed so many. We give thanks to God for bringing her to this ministry!

Greetings to all! I am so excited to be given this opportunity to serve the James 1:27 Foundation. I have a burden to minister to those in need and to be effective in the outreach of the James 1:27 Foundation. I am married with two sons, Ashton, two years old, and Zachary, who is 7. I grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, and moved to West Virginia eight years ago. I was in Law Enforcement for six years and spent the last two years as a Detective with the

Charles Town Police Department in West Virginia. My husband is also a Police Detective. This past year I felt a burden to be home more with my children and to minister to others in a capacity that I could not do in my present career. After a long struggle, I gave this burden to the Lord and felt peace about leaving the career that I loved so much. I have been blessed beyond measure with my husband and children and now God has opened up this opportunity to be a part of this Foundation! I thank the Board for this opportunity and look forward to meeting everyone in the near future that is a part of this wonderful ministry!

GALA UPDATE

We are very excited about our annual Gala Fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday June 14th. Please reserve the date on your calendar.

The Gala is our largest fundraising event of the year. Your participation and contributions are key to provide for the needs in the coming year.

To be a part of the team pulling the Gala together send an email to Gala@JamesFoundation.com