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Women and children struggle to survive without a father in the home

Robert is 10 years old and lives in western Kenya. His father died a year ago, and now his mother is ill and bedridden with leg and back problems. Robert and his brother Stephen attend school through the ADRA program that provides for their uniforms, school supplies, books, and lunches.

"My mother used to pick tea every day," says Robert. "NOW SHE CAN BARELY CARE FOR MY BABY BROTHER. We have no money for food. Our village committee supplies us with maize."

Every year, fathers die or leave their families to find work in the cities. And too often, those who leave never return, leaving young children vulnerable. The simple fact is that more must be done to help these families. Please send your gift today.

Robert’s home contains one small bed that his mother lies on, two chairs, and assorted pots and bowls. The children have mats that they lay on the dirt floor. "Sometimes, I go to sleep hungry," says Robert sadly. "When my father was alive, we always had plenty of food. I think I should be working, but my mother insists that I go to school. She tells me that the longer I study, the better the job I will have. I hope that is true. OUR LIFE IS VERY HARD."

ADRA has created village committees to watch over and help care for at-risk families in Robert’s village and in others around the world. These committees alert ADRA to special needs within the village and help keep families together.

Robert’s small, ONE-ROOM HOUSE IS LITERALLY DISINTEGRATING. The walls have holes, and the roof leaks when it rains. The village committee is concerned about his family and longs for the boys to stay in the ADRA school program. They have taken it upon themselves to build a new, simple two-room home for the family, and ADRA has provided the tin roof.

Your support for ADRA means help for struggling families. It can make the dream of an education for a child possible.
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