

# Chettemma

**Hindu name:**

Kondepudi Chettemma

**Kardias ID:**

W006

**Age:**

68

**Location:**

Andhra Pradesh

(Gampala Family Ministries)

**Chettemma's story:**

Due to a high fever, she is blind in both eyes. She is illiterate and has no children. Her husband has been living far away with other women for many years. She has a small hut to live in.



The widows in this region are in a primarily agricultural area and almost all of them have skills working on rice paddy plantations. They once worked these fields for rich land owners making less than a dollar a day. Most are illiterate. Many now have health issues and little to no resources to work with. Healthy, younger widows, though physically able to still work, are no longer allowed to work in the fields or elsewhere due to the caste system. Though this repressive social class system was officially outlawed in 1950, it is still in place throughout India, especially in more rural areas. Widows are among those considered "untouchables" and considered so low that they fall outside of the class system completely.

Your sponsorship of this widow helps them with seasonal clothing, medical aid, and monthly food items (rice, oil, dhal, salt, tamarind, fruits and vegetables). In addition, a portion of your monthly support will go toward a widow's shelter to be completed within the next few years. If you would like to make a donation to help support this, or any of the widows, please make your check payable to "Common Ground Christian Ministries" and indicate the Kardias ID number in the memo line. Please send checks to:

694 Hohlier Ln  
Avon, IN 4612

*After you sponsor a widow you will be given instructions on how you will be able to contact them.*