## IMANI MISSIONS TO THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF WEST POKOT

## **DEUTERONOMY 15:7–8**

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be".



Spiritual food before the physical blessinas

At the end of 2019, people of Tamkal in West Pokot were displaced by raging floods from the mountains. There was an avalanche of stones that came tumbling down the mountains destroying houses, animals and people in its wake. The waters too cleared everything on its path. Many people died in the disaster; a total of 271 families had nowhere to live. They had to camp in the nearby school. One family lost seven of its children and another lost three children while others lost some child in this monumental catastrophe.

In fulfilling <u>1 John 3:17</u> "But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? and <u>James 1:27</u> "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world".



The team praying together before beginning the long journey and right clothes and wheat flour distribution

Imani Ministries, out of compassion and God's love for its people, organized a mission trip to go and be a blessing to the affected people. Many of our listeners and viewers gave food items and clothes. On Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> April, we started our journey to the interior parts of West Pokot. The travel was so challenging in many ways; the roads were almost impassible, a bridge had been swept off and we had to drive through a river bed with water coming closer to submerging the wheels of the vehicles. This was the case for more than 10 rivers that we crossed through!



Washed out bridge and right is an alternative passage through the waters!

There were hills that our lorry carrying maize, rice, clothes and food items could not climb and I had to tow it with my vehicle for over 5 hills. Thank God, we managed to arrive, though late in the afternoon. We had begun the journey at 6am and arrived at 3pm! When we arrived, we found more than 400 people, about double the number that we had been told were affected. None the less we distributed the maize, rice, maize flour, wheat flour, soaps, clothes and other nonfood items to everyone that was present. Glory to God!



Giving out Rice on the left and maize flour on the right



Soaps distribution on the left and right is distribution of maize - corn



Distribution of clothes and on the right, a pumpkin for an old woman