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Janet McCauley and Roxanne Paiva

James: Thank all of you. Thank you! You're kind. We appreciate it. I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

Recently we had the opportunity of visiting with some of our friends who have been led to the outreaches of *LIFE*, *LIFE Today* television, but perhaps more than anything the effective outreaches of *LIFE* where we're actually making a difference in people's lives. Well, when somebody expresses their appreciation and they want you to know they're praying for and support you, you have a tendency to say, "Well, what's on your heart?"

We found out that here is a woman who is blessed with a wonderful business but she's a widow, she lost her husband. And she had a problem with alcohol; she was an alcoholic. But she experienced a miracle. And really, the situation actually led to significant things that perhaps with the loss of her husband might have been tough to go on. Her daughter is just the most wonderful mission-minded young woman, just caring about people and loving people.

Janet McCauley and Roxanne Paiva are here, mother and daughter -- Janet and Roxanne. Would you welcome them to *LIFE Today*? We're glad to see you.

The last time we were together we were sitting at Cotton Patch. We really had a good time; didn't we? Have you ever noticed how cute her smile is?

[Laughter]

She just kind of -- come on, pour it on.

We really enjoyed our time together. There was no question, Janet that you liked what you see the Lord doing through *LIFE Outreach*, and you appreciate our guests, the television ministry. And you've been very supportive. Thank you for that.

Your journey, you are a widow, do you think that there is, because I know there are many widows and I have seen what the Old and New Testament says about it; I sometimes wonder

are we doing as much as we might do for widows? Do you believe there is a real place for the church to reach out really effectively to widows? And do you believe that need is a reality?

Janet: I absolutely do. Again, widow covers a big area. The younger widows, some of them have young children and they're uncovered. I believe as an older matriarch that I should be offering some kind of help or encouragement and sowing seeds.

James: Some of them are military widows now and we have a lot of them. So you think that should be a focused need. You indicated you'd be more than happy to try to help impart. You have a mentoring program, don't you to try to just help people? Isn't that something that you try to do to be a blessing?

Janet: It's not a program but I always have someone staying at my house -- nieces, nephews.

James: It is not a program it is just your lifestyle.

Janet: Right!

Betty: One-on-one mentoring.

Janet: Exactly. People come stay at my house.

Betty: That's wonderful!

James: And does Roxanne bring some of those people that need help ever?

Roxanne: No, I just get to hang out with them and watch her do her work. It's pretty amazing.

James: So you think mom is pretty amazing?

Roxanne: Yeah! That's right. Yes!

James: Mom said she had an alcoholic problem. Did you notice that?

Roxanne: Yeah. It was pretty significant. It had a big impact on the whole family. But I can tell you that because of that, that broke our family and then God brought our whole family back together stronger than we've ever been. Their marriage came back together stronger than it ever was. It's an example. We were able to all get individual healing as well as collective healing.

James: You indicated when we were visiting that it was kind of a miraculous deliverance. Can you share what happened to set you free from something that obviously held you in a grip?

Janet: I had the burning bush. The day I woke up after my last drink, God showed me in a twinkling of an eye that he loved me. And I knew that I knew that I knew that he loved me. He showed me that throughout the day. I've never looked back since that one time, that one touch, that one bit of love was enough to change everything.

Betty: Was there anything in particular going on or not going on that caused you get into the drinking? -- To kind of fill a void or something?

Janet: No, not necessarily. Before I knew it, I was trapped and I was insane. I was beyond human aid -- so only God could have changed that.

James: Do you think the miracle came because maybe some people within the family or looking in the situation really lifted up in prayer? How do you explain the encounter? Do you think something contributed to it like someone else's love and interest?

Janet: I'm sure! My family was destitute but they still loved me.

James: Did you see the dramatic change, Roxanne?

Roxanne: Oh, yeah. She almost got better before we did. That's an encouragement to family members and loved ones of anybody who is facing addiction. She was lucky enough to get healing so quickly that it took us awhile. So we had worked our own program. We had to go to Al-Anon. We had to go to our own counseling. In a way she almost was helping us come back together again.

But I think through her love of God and her walk through the program and through working with her sponsor and working together with God and being so committed that she brought us back together. God did that for us.

James: When we were together I commented on the beautiful, obvious relationship that I see between the two of you, the great love and appreciation and genuine interest in what the other person may have as a vision or insight and really wanting to help one another. I think that's encouraging.

When you and I were talking, Janet, I talked about a heart to reach out to anyone that says, "I don't want to be overlooked. I need help."

I have said -- when I talked to you about, when we see a need that your heart leaps to meet it. But a lot of times, and I've told you this over and over, we may have a major project and an outreach that we know is effective and necessary, and we'll have a wonderful response from people that say, "I want to meet that need. I want to be that person's miracle. I want to be their answer to prayer."

But let's say we get 1400-1800 calls during that day and there will be people, maybe several hundred that say, "We want to help those people." But there is always at least 80% of all those calls somebody saying, "Help me!"

I want you to know, you're not overlooked. If you think we're wanting to point to somebody else's need on the other side of the world and we're not thinking about anybody, no! The major emphasis and the investment of all of *LIFE Outreach* is in you as a viewer and the people you love and care about and that you want to see get help.

So I want to know, because we talked about and you said you'd be willing to help. Sheila Walsh is with us now and Sheila Walsh is really excited about it because she just loves to -- she spoke to all of these Women of Faith, a couple million women, many of them were widows, many of them were hurting but to get them in a setting themselves. And you agreed that maybe doing something for widows would be important and Sheila Walsh said, "I want to help!"

So here's what I need you to do. There on the screen there is a contact point, I believe it is an e-mail. Am I right about that? There you see the e-mail. If you're a widow or you know a widow that maybe you're ministering to, and you say, "James, if you could do something for a couple of days and just love these people or love us, we need help. You and Betty, we rejoice with you but I'm a widow! And I really do need somebody to hold me. I know God's holding me but sometimes I kind of like to know I can tell people care, somebody notices."

So if you're interested in such an event then we need you to contact that e-mail and say, "I'm very much interested in it for myself, I need it. Or I know somebody who does. As a matter of fact, I'd even bring them. I want them there." So let us know.

You're reaching out to refugees and people that have moved in here or they've come from another country and they need to get acclimated. Why in the world did you get interested in that? These people come over here in desperation. Why did you even notice them? Your mom is doing well. She's not an alcoholic anymore. You're doing fine. How did you get to focusing on these people? Because I can tell your heart was on them.

Roxanne: We grew up in Detroit so I just had that sense of adventure. I wanted to go out and explore the world and I wanted to do it by myself. To be immersed in communities at a deeper level, and I think when you're by yourself, you almost can do that a lot easier. You can make friends, you can see people and meet people where they're at. I was just so touched by that level of poverty that I've never experienced and the level of social injustice. So it became a burning desire of how could I help? And I don't know what. So I wanted to wait for the right time and the right season to do something because I know that I don't know what's best for a community.

James: But you started doing what? Reaching out to them?

Roxanne: Yeah. As the years went by I recognized that these local leaders are the strongest ones in their communities. They know what is best for their community. They can tell you a need, they can tell you a budget, a time line, the outcomes.

So I wanted to help internationally and then I find out all these refugees live right here in Houston -- so Houston not here. They're in Houston. Houston is the number one --

James: When you get through taking care of them in Houston, you can come up here and take care of these.

[Laughter]

Roxanne: That's right! That's exactly it. To find out Houston is the number one resettlement city in the United States for refugees, and they live 15 minutes away. Why can't we get involved?

James: And you did. What are you watching that's gratifying and encouraging to you?

Roxanne: So we started *The Community Cloth* in 2009 pretty much because of the refugee women. They are already artisans; they are makers. They already have these talents and these skills. They weave. They knit. They crochet. They make jewelry. They pretty much came to us and said, "We want an opportunity to take our products to market. We don't need a hand out we just need access to resources."

James: Hmm! And you helped that happen?

Roxanne: Yes.

James: Do you a web site or anything if people want to know what you're doing? Maybe they're in the Houston area and they say, "You know what? I bear witness with Roxanne,

what's on her heart. Can we support it some way? Can we be involved in some way that's meaningful?"

How would they communicate if they wanted to help in any way? I don't care if it is monetarily or manpower or giving some time. How would they find out how they can be involved?

Roxanne: My favorite question -- right? The web site: TheCommunityCloth.org.

James: *Community Cloth*; what do you mean? What are you implying there? Something woven together, pulled together?

Roxanne: Yeah! We're all part of the same fabric. We're stronger when we're united just as you put together the -- as you weave the scarves and we're weaving this new life for the refugees. It is not a scary thing.

A lot of these families have experienced 18 years of refugee camps before being resettled here in the United States. There is so much need. There are refugees in all the communities. We really welcome people that come to our web site to learn about it, to help invest in us financially, to shop the product. The proceeds go directly to the artisans in the program.

Help us build this program because we want to take this and replicate this to other communities.

Betty: So what I feel like I hear you saying is you're trying to teach them how to adjust to the new culture, and to know how to be successful? And the women, especially to be courageous and to have courage because they've kind of been all their lives backed in the corner, not being out front or anything. But to how they can be successful and really kind of mingling --.

I love the cloth example. I remember when my grandmother, when I was small my grandmother had the quilting frame and her friends would come in and they would lower the quilting frame and they would bring all of their different patterns. So I think that's kind of what you're talking about. You're making a beautiful -- they were making a beautiful quilt and there were so many different patterns and colors and the community participation. I think that's great!

Roxanne: Thank you! It's about the women that get together. They heal, they reconnect. They've survived, they've endured political persecution, ethnic persecution, war -- so much they've endured and now they're in this new community and there are a lot of barriers against them, especially the women. We talk about language, education, transportation, and health care.

By getting together and weaving they're making those friends, right? That's one of the biggest takeaways they say is, "I didn't know so many people cared. I make new friends." Some of the

women, this is the first time they've earned an income in their lives. That's something they're so proud of. Whenever an artisan says, "I buy my own clothes now. And I buy things for my household." Some of the women, this is pretty much helping to keep the lights on in their apartment.

James: I see you not only weaving a product but I see you weaving relationships. The love you have for them, they can see it. And the other people who participate, I have an idea they begin to encourage one another. The web site again?

Roxanne: TheCommunityCloth.org.

James: That's in the Houston area. If somebody outside Houston said, "We've got a refugee problem." Could they get some insight from you in some way? Could you answer questions, maybe if they have them?

Roxanne: It would be so wonderful for people to contact us and find out -- talk to us and find out we'd love to replicate this program in other communities. We've identified a program that works, where the women are earning that supplemental income. They are learning the language skills, making new friends. We want to see them not just to survive but to thrive. I think if we unite together we can really truly this populace.

James: Mom, are you proud of this girl?

Janet: Absolutely!

[Laughter]

James: You go to Lakewood Church. Lakewood Church -- I wonder if you've ever heard of it? But if you're ever in Houston, we welcome you to come visit with us and make you feel right at home. Joel -- and what did I do after I talked to you? I said, "I'm going to tell Joel." Did I tell Joel?

Roxanne: Yes!

James: And he said, "A family member!" Just find out because Joel loves people. I just am grateful. He was glad to hear about it. I pray that Lakewood Church and people around will find ways to be involved with this outreach that's actually part of your church family but also, just say, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" -- Then with the widows.

Let me mention it again. If we hear from you that there's a longing in your heart to just come and spend time with people that identify with where you are. Betty and I lost a child. You have to wonder. I talked to the young man the other night at the Greg Laurie crusade. He is a pastor. His little three-year-old daughter died in his arms of asthma. He stood by us and said, "We lost our little girl right about the same time you lost your youngest daughter."

What's on your heart? Your heart may just be heavy. You see that phone number there? It's an 800-number. Who pays for it? Love does. Somebody says, "I don't know where you are, I don't know if you've got a dime but that number's there for you to call and say, 'Pray with me.'" So we love you. Somebody is waiting to pray with you.

Would you all say thanks to Janet and Roxanne for their witness? -- And their journey in the Lord?

Roxanne, you and your mom have said, "We love what you do." Janet, you've said, "I love to help you do what you do and God has given me a chance to help."

When we talk about drilling a water well, you say, "I like that. I want to do that." And you've been able to do that.

Now listen. There are a lot of you watching who might say, "Jesus talked about the importance of giving a cup of water. I can do that." Some of you say, "I can give a well of water." Or you say, "I can give a whole well of water by joining with other people." But we've got to do it together. Everything we do, Betty, we do together. I want you to -- now listen to me because the first inclination is okay, I heard. Some of you say, "I'm calling for help and prayer."

But wait a minute! Somebody is praying. Somebody is hurting. They hope God hears them. And if he does, how is he going to do anything about it? You're his hands. You're the one expressed his will and his heart. You're the one who accomplish his purpose.

Now watch, listen. See if you don't want to be the miracle that's hoped for.

On the mission field

Announcer: Burundi, a forgotten land, a forgotten people but don't be deceived by its beauty because the same source of life for Burundi's lush landscape is a poison for its people. And too often, the victims of waterborne illnesses are the most innocent and vulnerable.

Open captions:

My name is Julienne. I lost my baby recently; I didn't have anyone to help me. She had diarrhea because of a very bad disease called cholera. She got it from the water we are drinking. I ask the Lord to help me, to put it out of my mind. Because otherwise I'll go crazy.

Announcer: We arrived too Julienne's baby. And with contaminated drinking water still a factor for her community, it is only a matter of time before tragedy strikes again.

Open captions:

Most of the time she has diarrhea. If I had clean water my child would still be alive, and I wouldn't be worried about my other children.

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James: She said, "I'm praying. I'm concerned. I'm worried about my children." Why wouldn't she be?

I want you to just look at her. I want you to look at that precious woman. She's praying. She's got a broken heart. Would you like to heal her heart? -- Her broken heart? Would you like to care for those little ones, that concern that she's expressed for those beautiful -- look at them! Would you like to be the miracle for those two little ones and so many others? What goes on, Betty when you see that beautiful woman?

Betty: Well, because we do understand the loss of losing a child of our own, she's lost her little girl that she so loves and she is hurting and she is desperate yet at the same time. And she is worried. Why? -- Because of her other children. Some are already having some signs and effects from the diseased water.

It just breaks my heart as I hear the cry of her heart for somebody to reach out and to help. She is asking God to send some way, someone to reach out and make a difference and save her children.

That's where we come in. I'm so excited every time we have an opportunity to drill a water well. Because you know why? Because that is lasting -- that is going to be clean water, pure water for her children and many others.

We've been over there when the water welcomes through and the children are dancing around in the water and they're playing like little children should be able to play.

We've also seen it where we haven't gotten there in time and the disease takes over and takes the life of a little child.

Please join with us. Let's reach out and let's drill these water wells so there can be a lasting, good water source for them.

James: I want to, if I could speak her language just say, "God heard your prayer. We heard it and we care."

I believe you heard it. I believe you saw not only that mom and those two little children but the hundreds of children in that area that are drinking the contaminated water. All those beautiful crops, you know you use animal waste to actually enhance crop growth but contaminated water that can grow crops kills people. So we need clean water.

Jesus is the water of life. We share Water for Life because of the water of life. We tell those people the source of that love and they find Christ.

LifeToday.org, online, would you go there? Would you take your bankcard and make the largest love gift you can? Or you can dial the phone number where people are calling for prayer; you can all to be an answer to prayer. I want you to give the largest gift you possibly can knowing this, the wells cost an average of \$4800. If you can give \$4800, I believe you will. Sometimes we get a note saying, "I'm drilling two wells; God's blessed me. I can do it. I want to do it."

Whatever you can do, do it. You may be able to say, "James, I can't do that but I could give \$1200 and pray three people join me. Or \$2400 and pray one joins me." I believe God will answer that prayer while you're being an answer to prayer.

But here's where most of the resources come from. Don't miss this! \$48 gives ten people water for the rest of their life. That's an average. \$144 will give 30 people Water for Life.

Robert Morris, our pastor has written a book on hearing God. He says that's a question he's most often asked. He wants to help you and believe me, he can. And you can hear God. Let him help you do it.

We want to send gifts to say thank you for giving life. LifeToday.org or dial the number, your bankcard used like a check. Please, right now make the largest gift God enables you to make

and become an answer to prayers just like that mother needed answered now. You become the answer. Thank you.

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Announcer: Every day children living in extreme poverty are forced to make a dreadful choice, drink filthy polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

The good news is there is a solution. Mission: Water for Life is one of the most proven and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today you can help establish and drill 500 water wells in remote villages in over 15 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten. \$72 will provide for 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift we would like to send you Pastor Robert Morris's new book, *Frequency*. As you read you'll discover how to hear God's voice, receive direction for your life and experience a deeper connection with God. With your gift of \$100 or more you'll also receive the Hearing God Daily Journal and scripture pen. A wonderful way to record what God is impressing on your heart and a beautiful keepsake for your daily prayer time.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well. And you may request our beautiful "Majesty" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

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On the mission field

>> Today we're here in Burundi. I was just inside this hut listening to a story from a mother, Nsibazuri lost two children who have died because of drinking contaminated water. When you hear of two children dying from unclean water that's literally two too many. These kids are alive but they're still vulnerable to that contaminated water that killed the other two precious children.

How do we give these children a cup of clean water? By coming in here in this village and drilling a deep well that will last a lifetime. Please go to your phones, go online and give that generous gift today. Your gift will not only help their lives today but help them for a lifetime.

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In the studio

James: With hearing God, here is a beautiful journal. I'll tell you what, it is really, really nice. And a beautiful "Names of Jesus" pen, or the fruit of the spirit, and the blessings of God Bible thoughts to help you in your walk. And then the beautiful bronze, "Majesty." Whatever you can do, I know you're going to do it and we thank you.

Join Betty and me in saying thanks to our wonderful guests, Janet and Roxanne. Bless both of you on your journey.

And if you are a widow or know one, you say, "I'd like some special ministry for them," contact that e-mail address and let us know your heart.

Thanks for watching. Thank all of you for being with us.