

STAND IN THE GAP'S

Stand in the Gap for Widows

EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO DEFEND WIDOWS

THE PROBLEM

50% of all widows  leave their church



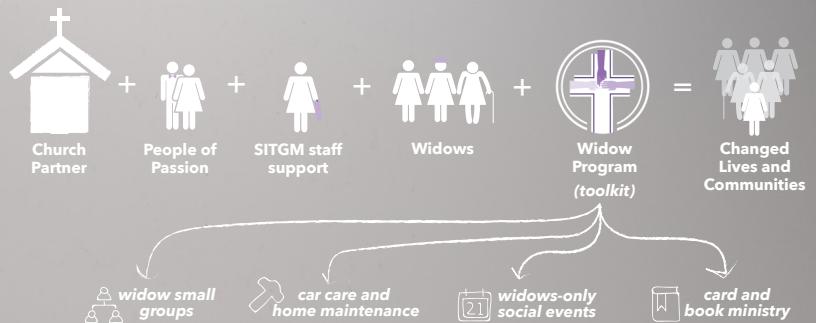
after their husband's death.

Stand in the Gap for Widows survey

OUR PROGRAM

Stand in the Gap staff asked 1500 widows what types of support they needed and were not receiving. Consistently, we found that widows need to socialize with people who understand, sources for practical help, to feel remembered, and to walk through grief in deep relationship with others. Stand in the Gap for Widows was designed to equip the local church to address these needs.

our method



Our growing impact

1,400+
widows IMPACTED

30 CHURCHES IN **17** STATES
WITH ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS
(AND STILL GROWING)

OUR PARTNERS

Stand in the Gap for Widows provides local churches with our research and program, empowering them to support the widows within their congregation and community. With dozens of partners around the United States, it's clear that churches are recognizing the need and efficacy of Stand in the Gap for Widows.



OUR STAND IN THE GAP FOR WIDOWS
FACEBOOK PAGE PROVIDES HOPE,
ENCOURAGEMENT & COMMUNITY TO
5,400 WIDOWS

GET INVOLVED



THE REASON

STAND IN THE GAP SURVEYED 1500 WIDOWS

3 out of 4

SAID THEIR CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE A WIDOW MINISTRY.



one half

LEAVE THEIR CHURCH HOME



17 percent

ACTIVELY LOOK FOR A CHURCH WITH A MINISTRY TO WIDOWS

A Few Snapshots of Success



Debbie

Married at 19-years-old // Widowed after 43 years of marriage // "You are used to unity with another person. When he is gone, more than half of you is gone." // Left her home church after her husband's death // Sought out Stand in the Gap for Widows at one of our partner churches // "Stand in the Gap gave me wings to go forward and embrace others."

Debbie

Married her high school sweetheart // Widowed after 40 years of marriage // "We were best friends. In fact, we were each others' only friend." // Spent months being angry at God for "taking the wrong person" // Facilitated monthly dinners for widows in Ada through Stand in the Gap for Widows, eventually growing to host hundreds of widows each month // "Out of this horrible circumstance of grief, God has brought so much good."



Roseanne, Gwen, and Kathi

Stand in the Gap's first small group of widows, formed in 2012 // "Nobody understands what it's like to be a widow, except another widow." // "Every time we are together, I come away refreshed. That in itself strengthens my faith." // Still sharing meals, prayer requests, late-night phone calls, and laughs together

Jacquelyn

Widowed after her husband's nine-month-long battle with lung cancer // Even months later "I would cry myself to sleep" // Began hosting a Stand in the Gap small group for widows at her church // The small group has grown to dozens of women // "We talk about everything; our husbands, our feelings, our frustrations, our fears, our new normal. As I minister to these ladies, the blessings come back to me tenfold."



Phyllis

Always the "life the party", Phyllis was crushed by the silence in her home after her husband's death // "The alone-ness can be overwhelming." // Widowed for six months when she found Stand in the Gap for Widows at one of our partner churches // "We've brought camaraderie and company and life back into each other's homes again. It's been a lifesaver."