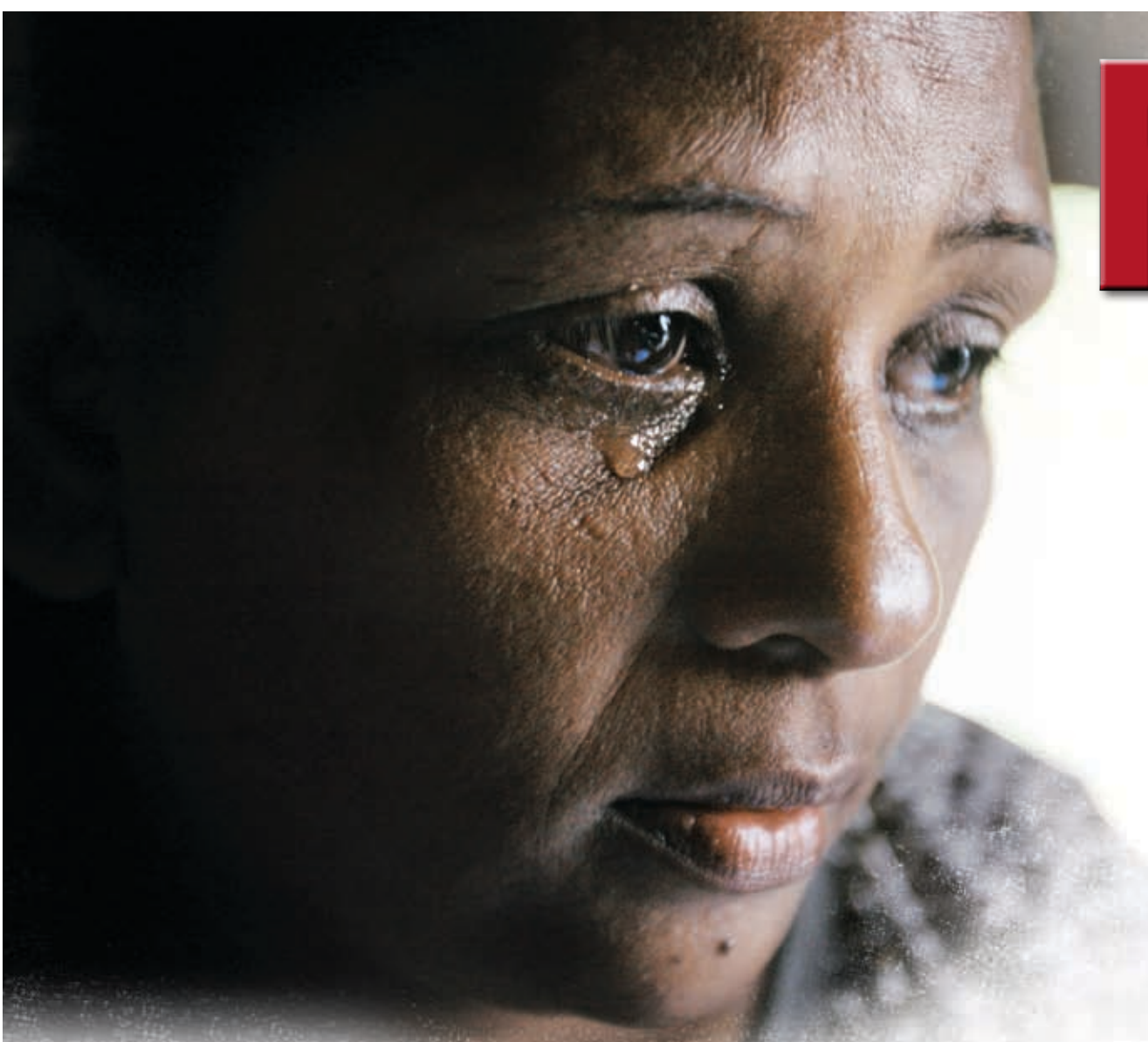


# From little to nothing



of her children, Inbranie said, "They're afraid 'cause anyone can come in on us. I can't sleep. Anything I hear I just jump up. Who am I gonna turn to for help? There's no neighbor I can call out to."

"Mommy, when are we gonna come out of here?" 5-year-old Lotoya Persaud frequently asks her mother. "I don't know what to do," her tearful mother responds. "I ain't got nothing."

*"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish... sheltering the oppressed..."*  
(Isaiah 58:6a, 7b)

Upon returning from church, the Persaud family discovered that soot and ash were all that remained of their home in Guyana — it had been consumed by a fire. In a desperate attempt to find shelter, Inbranie Persaud and her two daughters transferred chickens they were raising from a large pen to a smaller chicken coop.

In a matter of two hours, this poor family's source of shelter went from little to nothing.

The girls continuously cried while their mother prayed over them the first night in the coop. The entire family slept on a rotted mattress as mosquitoes swarmed around them. Inbranie fervently prayed

as the smell of smoke and burnt wood wafted throughout the coop. "God, please protect us," Inbranie sobbed. "It's only the girls and I in here. We have nothing... we have nothing."

The Persauds were not only left unprotected from the elements, but vulnerable to thieves, looters and worse. Concerning the safety

A new, protective home would be a miracle for a family like the Persauds. Unsheltered families like this throughout the Caribbean and Latin America

The large pen then became their only shelter from the elements. Here Inbranie and her girls would find little rest and even less peace.



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**After their home was destroyed by a fire, the Persaud family has been forced to live in a chicken coop.**

pray for the miracle of a sturdy new home. Your gift for housing can be an answer to a desperate family's prayers.

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Inbranie found the remnants of her church hymnal amid the rubble of her former home. Standing atop its vacant grounds, Inbranie said, "I'm praying that we can come out of this [chicken coop] as fast as we can. I really, really need help. I thank God for anyone who can help me."

The brochure enclosed in this publication contains more information on how you can help suffering families in need of safe housing. Every gift will

make a tremendous difference to families in great need.

Please be a caring neighbor to families like Inbranie's by sending a gift for housing today. One gift can alter the future of an entire family.

*"Lord... When did we see You a stranger and welcome You..."*  
(Matthew 25:37b-38a)

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