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God answers his prayers in two ways. First, Bernard has an incredibly kind neighbor who cooks and shares food with him. Second, Bernard is part of Kibogora Hospital's Care Program for the Elderly which helps widows and widowers with no resources or family to help. Twice a month Kibogora's social workers visit him, bringing food, companionship and a time of prayer. The program has also given him a mattress, blankets, clothes, dishes, jerry can for carrying water — everything he owns except the water filter and mosquito net provided by the Rwandan government.

When funds are available, Bernard is on the list to have his roof and kitchen repaired and a toilet built. Right now when it rains, Bernard uses an old shirt to mop up the water. Improving the living conditions for people like Bernard through Kibogora's Care Program for the Elderly says to these people, "You are not forgotten; we care."

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