



Ministry Update from your partner:

## **Palm Tree Outreach, West Africa**

### **Sanctuary for Needy Children**

Mariam\* is a deprived girl from a district in Timbuktu, Mali. She is a beneficiary of Elijah House, an outreach program of our ministry Palm Tree Outreach. Elijah House provides for orphans and needy children. Mariam shares her thoughts:

*“It’s a great pleasure for me to be one of the children in this center. For so long have I requested to be taken in charge, but there was no possibility yet. This year, God open the door for me to become a successful candidate. I am so happy because I had been observing the change in the lives of the children attending the Center*

*“Thanks to games and teachings from the Bible, I learn many things like respecting oneself, respecting one’s parents, and others.”*

Mariam’s life is blossoming in a context that has been made fragile by successive droughts, insecurity, and the current COVID-19 pandemic. The population is in dire straits and children have been cast out of poor homes. These children become easy prey to itinerant clerics who transform them into beggars or connect them to extremists who use them as “God’s warriors.”



For 18 years, Elijah House has been serving as a shelter to over 90 vulnerable children each year. Now with her peers, Mariam enjoys a daily meal, which is essential to sustain her and help her grow up normally. She also benefits from a healthcare program, goes to school, and is given clothes, as needed. Bible education is one of her favorite activities.

Mariam said: “I thank the managers of Elijah House Center, as well as their partners who help us get out of poverty and ignorance.”

Among several prayer needs, Mariam would like you to pray:

- For the health of the workers in the Center
- For the return of peace in the country
- For the overcoming of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*\* Names are changed for security reasons.*

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