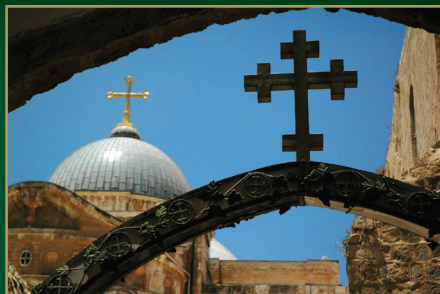


VIA DOLOROSA

ISRAEL



They sat sipping nana tea with mint. Women from four corners of the earth gathered together, bound by their passion to lift the wounded. A Chilean relief worker, an Australian nurse, and an American WAR, Int'l staff member circled around a Palestinian widow. When this widow met WAR, Int'l, she had been praying that she might feed 20 starving Palestinian families instead of four. And when she mentioned that she and her husband formerly made jewelry, WAR, Int'l drew these women together, and a program was born. As the widow crafts beautiful Roman glass crosses, she and the nurse provide food and medical care to these impoverished families and the relief worker manages her finances, protecting her from in-laws who lay claim to her income. WAR, Int'l is proud not only to carry this precious widow's product, but to surround her with a circle of safety and empower her to reach others. When you purchase the beautiful work of her hands, you multiply her widow's mite and expand this circle of protection to the sick and hungry.

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Mary

Mary lives on the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, the ancient path Christ trod to his crucifixion. Yet though Mary has known her own path of suffering, she is called the Smiling Widow of the Old City. Her husband sold all their possessions before overdosing on drugs, leaving her and her three year old daughter bereft, but she still gives generously and joyfully of the little she has, daily feeding impoverished Palestinian families. Through WAR's partnership, Mary now funds and furthers her ministry by crafting

beautiful silver jewelry made with Roman glass. Discovered in archeological digs, this genuine antique glass is believed to be from the ancient tear bottles of Roman women. According to legend, its beautiful rainbow colors reflect these tears resting against the glass. When you wear this jewelry, not only do you wear a part of Mary's story, but you also wear a piece of ancient story that mirrors Mary's own. Just as her suffering has turned to joyful smiling, so does this cross symbolize beauty wrought from tears and brokenness.

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