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Menoti and Her Tribe of Goats...

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Their financial struggles often led to fighting for Menoti and her husband. At one point, their relationship reached the stage of divorce. In considering the consequences of divorce on her children, she decided to stay with her husband, in spite of the difficulties.

The financial situation was so bad that Menoti also decided to work. She got a job at a shelter for cows. She continued working there for a few months. But this did not resolve her problem. She had to walk three kilometers (nearly two miles) every day to the shelter and return after working for twelve hours. But her main worry was for her children. There was no one to look after her children, who were left at home. Co-workers at the shelter also started looking at her with evil intentions. She had no option but to leave the job.

Fortunately as one of the



beneficiaries of the partnership with the Hindustani Covenant Church and Covenant World Relief, she received three goats from the Covenant Cares Catalog sponsored by CWR. She took good care of these animals, and over the years these goats multiplied. Meanwhile, she returned one goat to the Hindustani Covenant Church to give to another beneficiary and sold three goats. Even though the sale amount might seem small, it covered 30 percent of the cost for giving her eldest daughter in marriage. At present, she owns six goats and is working to multiply her tribe of goats.

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