

Community Support for Those in Mourning

English translation:

A: Once people are married and start living together, relatives such as the aunts and uncles will just be checking on you just to know how you are doing, helping you, saying you should do this or that, together. Also in times of sorrows and troubles other issues: if there is a funeral, you have to go. If there is sickness, you should be there. That is what they do in the rural areas, that everyone should help each other. So in the rural areas, for instance here, say there is a funeral at our neighbor's place, you actually go with a plate of corn-meal from here, or chicken, to help at the funeral.

B: What do you help with?

A: Even if you take cornmeal or chicken, you would have helped. This is done for the sake of helping each other in case it happens to you tomorrow, people will do the same to you, because death as usual, comes when we don't expect it. So when death comes, people help each other in any ways they can.

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