



# *Hands at Work*

## PEPPERCORN-STIFTUNG

Die Peppercorn-Stiftung wurde 2003 als gemeinnützige Stiftung in München gegründet. Julia und Bernard Eßmann engagieren sich mit ihren Partnern, wie der Baltershof Stiftung, liebevoll um die Kinder, deren Leben von Verlust und Perspektivlosigkeit geprägt ist. Eines der Projekte in Afrika ist das Dorf Kamakonde im Norden Sambias nahe der Millionenstadt Kitwe. Der Verfall der Kupferpreise auf dem Weltmarkt hat die Region schwer getroffen. Es gibt nur eine Schule, kein Krankenhaus und keine Transportmöglichkeiten. In Kamakonde leben 5.500 Kinder unter 15 Jahren. Viele haben ihre Eltern durch AIDS verloren, wohnen bei Verwandten und Großeltern oder auch allein mit ihren Geschwistern. Als einzige Einkommensquelle dient die Arbeit der Kinder. Sie sammeln Feuerholz oder Gesteinsbrocken und verkaufen diese als Baumaterial.

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für Kinder, gemeinsam und direkt

Am Beispiel Kamakondes wird die Wirksamkeit des Hilfsansatzes deutlich. Das Projekt hat sich seit 2011 großartig entwickelt. Die Dorfgemeinschaft besitzt mittlerweile ein eigenes bebautes und umzäuntes Grundstück, welches zur Versorgung von nahezu 100 Kindern und deren Care Workern beiträgt. Im Dorfleben stellen die einfachen funktionalen Gebäude einen echten Mittelpunkt dar. Dank eines Bohrlochs ist der Zugang zu sauberem Wasser gewährleistet, sodass ein großer Garten zur Versorgung der Kinder angelegt werden konnte. In der eigenen Schule werden Schüler bis zur 4. Klasse unterrichtet. In 2013 wurde die Schule möbliert und Toiletten gebaut.



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Report on

# Racecourse Community

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## Updates

from Racecourse CBO, Sambia

Children currently supported: 100

Care Workers seek out and care for the most vulnerable children by visiting their homes, but each community also needs a care point, a safe place where the children and their caregivers gather together, share their struggles and carry one another's burdens—this is called a Life Centre. 100 children visit the Racecourse Life Centre daily to play, receive care and eat a nutritious meal.

The community school in Racecourse continues to provide an education to primary-aged children who have been identified as the most in need, taught by four teachers. Over the past quarter, school supplies were given to each child.

When the children attend the Life Centre in Racecourse, their needs are extremely varied, and the Care Workers provide for the children however they can. Recently, the Care Workers purchased washing powder to enable them to launder clothes for those children who have no-one at home to help



Temwani \*is an 18-year-old girl who has suffered much in her life. She was born with a disability and cannot walk properly. Regardless of her physical challenges, she loves to play football with her friends and she enjoys cooking. Temwani also loves school but does not like to think about what may become of her in the future. The Racecourse Care Workers think this is because of the trauma she faced when her mother died.

Temwani was found by Rodah, a volunteer from the local church in Racecourse. Rhoda discovered that Temwani had been orphaned and did not attend school. Her father died when she was very young, and her mother died in 2013. Rodah also

saw that Temwani was living with her widowed grandmother who was struggling to care for her. So in 2013, the Care Workers adopted Temwani into their program, and she began to receive basic, life giving services.

To begin with, Temwani found it very painful to play games because of her physical challenges. But she was also impeded by the pain of losing her mother. The Care Workers would often find Temwani on her own, crying uncontrollably, asking for her 'mummy' to come back.

Temwani's grandmother still does not have a stable income, earning money only by selling charcoal on the roadside. She has Temwani and six other children staying under her roof for whom she also has to care. She cannot afford to send all of the children to school and feels overwhelmed by the burden of providing for them.

But there is hope for this family, and it can be seen in how Temwani is changing. She used to cry often from her life's many losses and disappointments, but now, after the love that the Care Workers have shown her, she has started to rely on and trust them. The Care Workers continue to visit the family in their home and encourage them. They have shown Temwani that there is always a reason to have hope and that people, even after so much loss, can experience new life again.

\*Child's name has been changed

*Together we restore God's  
tapestry of hope and  
love in places where the  
threads were damaged or  
removed.  
- George*