



Hands at Work

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für Kinder, gemeinsam und direkt

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Report on

Racecourse Community

April to June 2014



Peppercorn foundation in partnership with Baltershof-Stiftung,
Munich, Germany

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*



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Kamakonde Community, Zambia

October 2019

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Peppercorn



about the dangers of alcohol abuse, prostitution, early childhood marriage, gangs and crime. In April, three of the girls from Kamakonde were invited to go to Hands at Work's Kachele Village with youth from other communities for a week-long youth camp. The purpose of the camp was to help the youth develop a deeper understanding of who God is and what it means to be a servant leader in their community. Afterwards, the girls started getting more involved with the daily activities at the Care Point; helping the Care Workers cook, clean, and do Holy Home Visits, as exemplified by their Care Workers. The hope is that they will be able to share what they learned with the other youth and have the courage to be a positive influence in the community.

A challenge that the local Hands at Work team is focused on addressing is the need for consistent leadership for the Dorcus CBO. It is difficult for Pastor Joseph, who is the current coordinator, to lead the Dorcus CBO while caring for his church and providing for his family. The local Hands at Work team are spending time with the other Care Workers and have invited them to a Hands at Work Foundations Training. This training will be an opportunity for some of the Care Workers to hear the vision of Hands at Work for the very first time.

One of the churches in Kitwe is supporting what the Care Workers do by donating maize meal (a staple food in Zambia), as well as donating clothing and school uniforms. Additionally, one of the women from the church began helping with the secondary school fees for five of the children who come to the Care Point.

"In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears"

— 2 Samuel 22:7 (ESV)

Life for 12-year-old Gloria* is difficult, evident by the stoic expression she carries. Her father passed away, her mother struggles to make ends meet, and her aunt, who they live with, often mistreats them and chases them from the home. Thankfully, the Care Workers from the Dorcus CBO are committed to caring holistically for Gloria and her family and taking Gloria's sister to the clinic for her frequent seizures.



*name has been changed

Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **100**

Number of Care Workers: **12**

Coordinator Name: **Pastor Joseph**

Distance from Service Center: **5km**

Basic services started in: **2011**

Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by strengthening their families and building resilience in their communities. Christian volunteers provide these children with access to food, basic health care and education, as well as holistically care for them and those who support them. Through long-term, committed relationships, these children begin to be healed from past trauma and become catalysts for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

“The local Hands at Work team in Kitwe and the volunteer Care Workers from the Dorcus Community Based Organisation (CBO) are committed to investing into the youth who attend the Care Point. They share