



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Kamakonde Community, Zambia

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Peppercorn

Updates

DORCUS
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: **100**

One of the churches in the region will often purchase maize meal and clothes for the Community Based Organisation and when the church area leader visits, a meal is prepared for the children. The local church leaders visit on a regular basis.

Soap was purchased for the children who needed it, and basic medical supplies like pain killers and ringworm medicine was purchased for the Community Based Organisation (CBO) to continue to support the health and well-being of the children.

"Thank you for continuing to faithfully pray and support the most vulnerable children across Africa."

- Local Hands at Work Team in Kitwe, Zambia



Pauline can simply
be a child

“The local volunteer Care Workers from Kamakonde Community Based Organisation (CBO) have been a source of real love for eight-year-old Pauline*. In spite of her young age, Pauline has had to carry responsibilities that are meant to be for adults. Her life has been extremely difficult. In 2016, when the Care Workers met Pauline and her younger brother, they were both severely malnourished. They were often found on their own, as both their parents struggle with alcohol abuse and subsequently neglect their children. Pauline, at the age of five, was having to care for her two-year old brother. The Care Workers immediately knew these children were amongst the most vulnerable, and they promptly invited them to the CBOs Care Point. This became a safe and nurturing place for Pauline and her brother, as the Care Workers could lovingly look after them while the children played.

Last year, the Care Workers saw Pauline through what has been the most difficult time of her life. One day, Pauline's mother came home and began to make a meal. She struggled to light the fire. She sent Pauline to fetch some petrol from a container. Pauline did so, but accidentally spilt some of the fuel on herself. When Pauline's mother tried to light the fire, Pauline's clothes ignited. Pauline and her mother experienced severe burns, and 80% of Pauline's little body is scarred from the incident.

Despite pain and scars, Pauline has been healing well and at school she is a cheerful girl. Her Care Worker, Bertha, is also her teacher at the community school. Bertha visits Pauline regularly at home, and the love between them is obvious. Bertha, along with the other Care Workers, continues to provide Pauline a place of safety and hope; a place where she can simply be a child and play with her friends. She spends most of her time here, where she knows she is loved.