

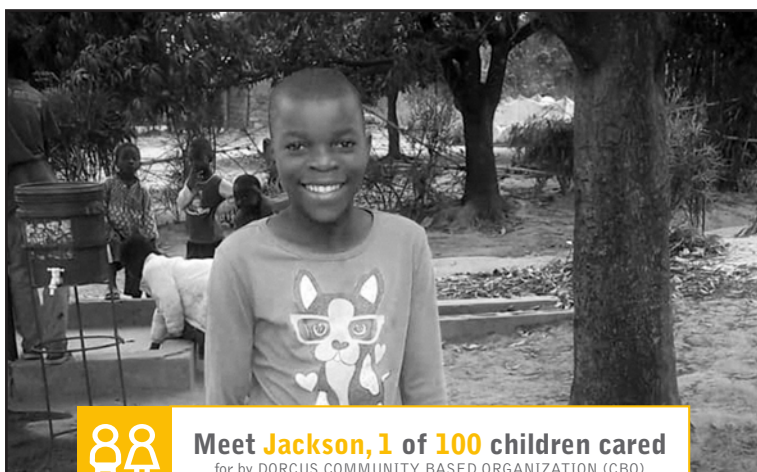
UPDATE FROM KAMAKONDE COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA

Hands at Work in Africa in partnership with
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Ten dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Joseph, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kamakonde. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Meet **Jackson**, 1 of 100 children cared
for by DORCUS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO)

In 2011, when Jackson* was just 5 years old, he was living with his single mother who struggled to put food on the table. Today, at 14 years old, Jackson now stands out as a child who grew up in the CBOs program. Over the years, Jackson has experienced life-giving grace displayed through the holistic care that the CBO provides. Jackson's mother is only able to sell cassava when it is in season, so the family still experiences food shortages. She regularly only provides one meal per day, but the children all attend the local community school and continue to grow under the care of those at the CBO in Kamakonde.

Community Update

When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out around the world, life in Kamakonde paused as fear gripped the community. Holy Home Visits and Relationship Groups were temporarily stopped. However, the local Hands at Work team have now obtained a permit to resume Relationship Groups and are working to re-start these soon. The desire to grow the Care Worker group has led to reaching out to Primary Care Givers to fill the need. The community is concerned for young women who come to the Care Point who are facing dangerous peer pressure and seeks to respond in love and compassion.



Activities and Projects

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in-keeping with government regulations, a number of hand-washing stations (pictured left) have been installed throughout the Care Point and masks have been distributed to all children. The Hands at Work team continues to teach on the importance of social distancing to children and Care Workers. In July and August, all children were dewormed and 18 children received blankets. Over the past year, the local church, Living Water Local Ministries, contributed beans, meals and cooking oil to the Care Point.