



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Kamakonde Community, Zambia

January to March 2018

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Peppercorn

Updates

DORCUS

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: **100**

The beginning of January marked the start of a new school year in Zambia. 79 children attended the community school at the Dorcus Community Based Organisation (CBO) with the other 21 children attending the local government school. All of the children were given books, pencils and pens to help enhance their learning.

When the children come to the Care Point, basic health items like bathing soap and glycerine are available to help improve the health and hygiene of the children.

The involvement of the local church in Kamakonde is exciting. Recently, the Dorcus CBO received a donation of maize meal, beans and clothes for some of the children. Workers are continuing to follow up with these situations

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

"We are together"

*- Kitwe Local Office
Team, Zambia*



Stanford dreams of changing his family's life

“Walking through Kamakonde Community, one might meet a group of five children, aged two to twelve, all walking hand in hand towards the central Care Point. These five children are all siblings, and ten-year-old Stanford* is one of them. They live with their mother, and although she would love nothing more than to be able to provide for their needs, she faces the heartbreak of being unable to. After the death of her husband, she was left to care for family's needs alone, a task seemingly impossible for her to do alone.

In 2016, while on Holy Home Visits, the Care Workers from the Dorcus CBO found Stanford and his siblings. As the Care Workers sat with the family, they learned their difficult story. The children's father was no longer present, the roof of their rented home was leaking, and there was not enough money to buy food or clothing, let alone other basic necessities like adequate food. Stanford and his siblings would sell vegetables in order to earn money though this was seldom enough to

pay rent. Moving frequently from house to house, Stanford's family does not have a shelter to call home. Life is hard for these children and their mother, and their brokenness is clearly visible.

One of the local Care Workers, Clara, took special notice of these children and seeing how great their need was, took Stanford and his siblings under her wing. They began receiving a hot and nutritious meal every day, and were enrolled in school. Regularly, Clara visits Stanford and his family, assisting with washing clothes and other chores. She encourages Stanford and his family with God's word, bringing Christ's love and grace into their humble home.

Stanford dreams of changing his family's life and wants to become a nurse when he finishes school so that he can provide for his family. Today, Stanford is in grade one, loves school - especially mathematics - and enjoys playing football and making toy cars with his friends. Though the needs of Stanford's family are great, so is the hope of healing they can find in Christ.