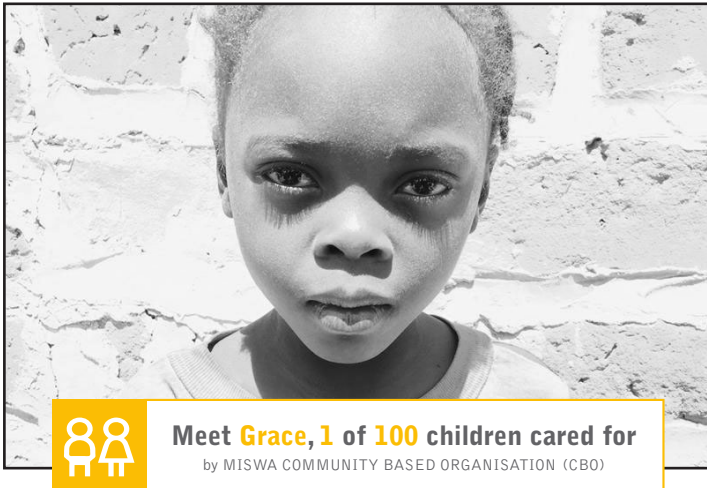




Twenty-five dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Daniel Shaba, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Miswa. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Five-year-old Grace* is the second of three children. In 2020, Grace tragically lost her father, leaving her and the entire family vulnerable. Although her mother tried to support the children by doing casual jobs within the community, these jobs were scarce and made it difficult for her to provide for them. Grace quickly became malnourished. Thankfully, Joyce, a volunteer Care Worker from the Miswa CBO, knew the family's situation and advocated for the children to join the CBO, where they now receive the three essential services of food, education, and basic healthcare. Grace and her younger sister are also participants in the Under 5's program. Grace's health immediately began to improve, and today she is a healthy and happy girl! She loves playing and singing with her friends, and says when she grows up, she would like to be a teacher and singer at church.

Community Update

The Miswa CBO continues growing as a well-functioning Life Centre.

There is strong leadership amongst the Care Workers, and over the past year they have been more engaged with playing with the children, understanding how important this is for the children's development and healing, and visiting the children and their families in their homes.

The Care Workers continue doing well in tending to their shared garden every day which is producing different vegetables and support the youth in managing the income from their youth garden. With continued challenges like the lack of rain, little access to water beyond the borehole at the Life Centre, poor harvests, little employment opportunities, and being far from a clinic, there is hope found at the Life Centre, and the amazing men and women who are following God's call to care for the most vulnerable.



Activities and Projects

In addition to regular visits to the homes of each child, playing with the children at the Life Centre, and the provision of basic necessities like blankets and warm clothes for the winter months, the children also receive quarterly deworming medication. There was an opportunity for deeper investment into the lives of the youth earlier this year at a Youth Camp hosted by the local Hands at Work teams from Kabwe and Chisamba. Six youth from each of the four CBOs in the Chisamba area came together to learn more about Jesus, how they can continue to grow into Godly men and women, and how they can serve others just as they too have been served. Pictured left, Niza, a member of the local Hands at Work team in Chisamba, washes the feet of one of the youths, modelling the servant-hearted way Jesus loves us and how we can love one another.