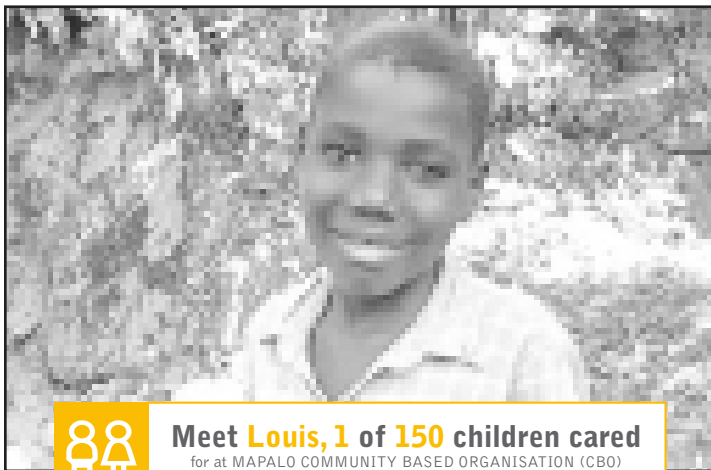


Fourteen dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Anna and Isabel, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Mwaiseni. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Twelve-year-old Louis* has suffered great losses in his life, from the death of his mother to the abandonment of his father. He lives with his aunt and cousins, who struggle to make ends meet. His cousins had been coming to the Care Point every day, and Louis began tagging along. The Care Workers noticed him sitting at the edge of the property, and it didn't take long for them to welcome him in. The Care Workers opened their arms to Louis. He felt loved and accepted by the Care Workers and the other children. When the Care Workers visit Louis' aunt during Holy Home visits, they have developed close relationships with her. They provide encouragement as she cares for her nephew. Daily meals, access to education, basic health care, and Care Workers who love him well mean that Louis can see himself for who he is—a blessing, not a burden.

Community Update

The development of new and wealthier homes is beginning in Mwaiseni, causing the poorer families to have to move to the outskirts of the community. Life is hard here as it is – the people in Mwaiseni struggle with spiritual fear and accusations, a lack of understanding of Jesus, broken families and high levels of alcohol abuse.

The Care Workers sacrifice so much of themselves and their time to be advocates for the most vulnerable children. Their lives are hard, yet they choose to show up each day to offer Mwaiseni a safe place of life and joy. Relationship Groups for the Care Workers and the children have been developing, and though struggles can be hard to share with one another initially, there has been growth in this area. Following a Maranatha Workshop last year, four Primary Caregivers have become Care Workers, and have been growing in their roles.



Activities and Projects

The Care Workers have been intentionally focusing on different age groups within the CBO. The Under 5's program (pictured left) gives the youngest children the chance to be together and taken care of in very practical ways. Two of the youth attended a Youth Leaders Camp at Kachele in August, and with the support and encouragement of the Care Workers, are starting to take on leadership roles at the Care Point. Though school keeps them busy, they are wanting to start their own Relationship Group with the other youth. Practical health care this year has been carried out as well. The Care Workers have been diligent about taking children to the clinic who need extra support, as well as distributing blankets, mosquito nets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deworming pills amongst the children.

