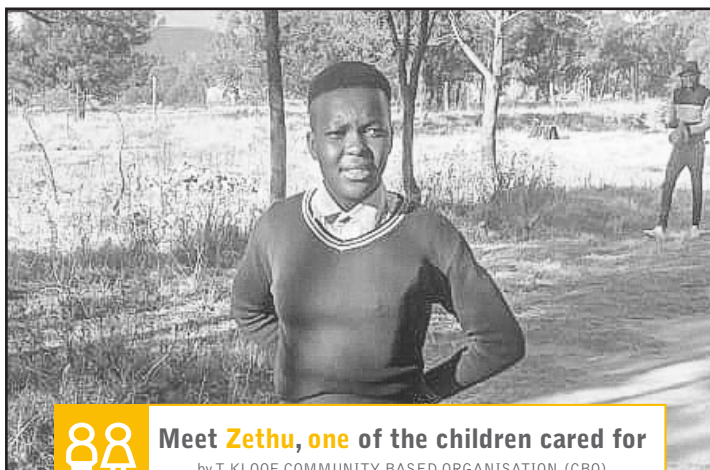




Six dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Nester, support the most vulnerable children in the community of T Kloof. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Meet **Zethu**, one of the children cared for

by T KLOOF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

15-year-old Zethu\* lives with her grandmother, her mother and her cousin in a humble house made of sticks and mud. Both her parents are traditional healers; however, they are separated and her father has since remarried. There is animosity between the two families to the point where Zethu is estranged from her father's family and receives no support from them. The Care Workers in T Kloof have come around Zethu and her family. Her Care Worker Nester says, "The Care Point plays a big role in her life because she's being followed up on and she is visited to check on how she is doing." At the Care Point, Zethu is a youth leader who participated in a youth camp organized by the local Hands at Work team in Oshoek. There, she was able to share her story and express her feelings with compassion and courage.

## Community Update

An exciting step for the T Kloof CBO is the ownership that the Care Workers are taking in their Relationship Groups, where they can share their challenges and pray together. They are showing commitment and responsibility, but they also face some challenges like disunity and balancing their work and household chores all while dealing with the cultural beliefs of the families in the community. Additionally, they find it hard to engage with the children and understand their needs because of generational gaps. To address these issues, the Oshoek team and the South African Regional Support Team are continuing to walk closely with the Care Workers. To help the Care Workers build relationships with the children, they invited the Care Workers to help out at the youth camps. Though the T Kloof CBO is still developing and there is room for improvement, there has been growth and that is exciting.



## Activities and Projects

The Care Workers have been involved in two main discipleship activities aimed at helping them experience healing from their past and learn to effectively care for the most vulnerable children. The first one was a Maranatha Workshop which was held in the neighbouring community of Houtbos. There they learned about Jesus' unconditional love and experienced the healing power of the Holy Spirit. The second one was a Foundations training, where they dug into the Hands at Work model of caring for the vulnerable. In addition to these discipleship activities, there have been some construction projects that have happened: like home repairs and the construction of a new building and toilet at the Care Point (pictured left). The pastors are involved with the T Kloof CBO and have a good relationship with them, providing spiritual guidance and mentorship to the children.

