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



In Winfrida's* short three years of life, her mother passed away and her father remarried and moved to the DRC. Winfrida and five of her siblings moved in with their grandmother, while the youngest was taken in by an orphanage. The life-bringing love of the beautiful team of Care Workers is greatly needed in this family.

The Care Workers, particularly Badista, have faithfully supported Winfrida's grandmother as she cares for her grandchildren, especially Winfrida, who struggles with epilepsy. Veering her away from using traditional practices, the Care Workers have connected Winfrida and her grandmother with the local clinic where they can be educated and given the correct medication.

Winfrida is a part of the Under 5's program, where she is a ray of sunshine! She is loved, bathed, fed, and as much as a blessing the Life Centre is to her, she is a blessing in return.

Community Update

From the Under 5's program with children laughing and skipping, to the youth who are learning leadership skills, to the meals being prepared daily, the Life Centre in Zimba overflows with the love of Christ! In a community that struggles with traditional practices, broken families and great poverty, the CBO is truly a beacon of hope.

The Care Workers growth has been so encouraging this year. Following a Foundations Training in March and a Care Worker Revival at Kachele (pictured left) in May, a fresh hunger was sparked in the Care Workers to stay faithful in their calling to care for the most vulnerable and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Despite personal struggles, this has created a deeper unity, a desire to speak the truth in love to one another, and greater connection with Primary Caregivers during Holy Home Visits.



Activities and Projects

Incredible connections and relationships within the community have been developing. A local pastor attended the Foundations Training for a day, which has resulted in a growing relationship between him and the Life Centre. Food donations were given by several community members, and the manager of the shop where the Life Centre's maize is purchased donated a few extra bags of maize. The local clinic staff has plans to visit the Life Centre to teach caregivers and Care Workers how to best care for the children who have different health challenges.

At the Life Centre, practical items have been distributed to the children throughout the year such as blankets, mosquito nets, toothbrushes and toothpaste. A well has been dug, and fresh water is available now.

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