

Arise and Build Campaign

Providing children with Food, Health and Education

The Context

The vision of Hands at Work in Africa is to work with churches and community organizations to care for the most vulnerable people around them. Through your contributions, Hands at Work in Africa (Canada) Society is currently focused on supporting this vision by working with volunteer care workers organized in **five** different communities in Zambia and Nigeria.

Elekuru and **Apatuku** are urban slums in and around Nigeria's massive capital, Lagos. **Nissi** and **Shalom** are poor areas of the central Zambian city of Kabwe. In **Mulenga**, in the northern Copperbelt region of Zambia, children are cared for by Hands at Work's original community-based organization.

All of these communities follow the Hands development process model established across Africa.

Summarized, the model contains the following principles:

1. Identify the **poorest of the poor communities**, including the local leaders who are trying to meet the need (we call these leaders Mother Theresa's)
2. **Map and understand** each unique community situation
3. **Mobilize the church** around the Mother Theresa
4. **Equip** and train the local care worker team
5. **Create a community care plan** (eg. What is God's plan for **this community?**)
6. **Support further development of leadership** and the **delivery of care** to the most vulnerable

Because of your contributions and those of other Canadian donors, there are currently **400 children** receiving food, health, and education services they would otherwise not be receiving.

Financial Report

2010/11 Contribution

Food, Health & Education Services to 400 children in 5 communities: \$61,920

Caring for the Volunteer Care Workers (annual gifts): \$2,880

Administration (for Hands at Work in Africa, African Operations): \$7,200

As Hands at Work in Africa has been supporting children on a \$15 per child/month model for 3 years, in 2012 we will need to address the increased costs that are a fiscal reality. The actual cost is \$20 per child/month and donors will be given an opportunity to decide their level of continuing support through a communication in 2012.



Young girl at Mulenga feeding point

To know how your funds are changing the lives of children and volunteer care workers in the communities where Hands at Work operates, read Lawrence's story on the next page. We must never forget that behind all the statistics and reports are real children whose daily lives are impacted by your commitment to care for them.

We cannot thank you enough on behalf of Lawrence and the hundreds of others just like him.

Lawrence's Story

Lawrence Chombi is a four year old boy, living in a poor community on the outskirts of the city of Kabwe, in central Zambia. He stays with his elderly grandmother and four older siblings.



Lawrence Chombi

Lawrence's mother died when he was one year old, at which point, his grandmother became the childrens' caregiver. Life became difficult for all of them. The family lacked daily food as his grandmother was physically unable to earn an income while caring for the five children.

Little Lawrence was no longer breastfed and there was not enough food in the house. He was malnourished, lacking essential nutrients in his body, and became very thin and stopped growing both physically and mentally. His scant brown hair was easily pulled out. Lawrence was described as very lonely and avoided play.

But God was with Lawrence. The Hands at Work community partner in Nissi (Lawrence's community) recently entered his life. The moment the volunteer care workers visited Lawrence's home, life began to change. He was given clothes and, along with his siblings, was registered in the feeding program. As a result, Lawrence is receiving a nutritious meal at the feeding point five days a week. When it's time for lunch, he and his brothers run to the feeding point making sure they are punctual.

His is growing! Gaining weight! Has healthy hair! And Lawrence now enjoys playing with his friends at the feeding point. Even his grandmother is amazed by Lawrence's improvement.



Lawrence, with his brothers, at the feeding point

But more than just food and clothes, he and his siblings receive love and attention from the care workers. His grandmother receives support and encouragement and a helping hand in caring for the five children.

Lawrence's grandmother is so grateful and personally thanks all those who are supporting her grandchildren, especially not-so-little-anymore Lawrence! Thank you!