UPDATE FROM CHINKU COMMUNITY | MALAWI



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



For six-year-old Lilith*, life has been filled with moments of joy and immense sorrow. When she was three years old, her mother passed away, leaving Lilith under the care of her elderly grandparents. Unable to find work because of their age, the family is frequently left without their basic needs of food, education and health care being met. Whilst there are older children in the family, they are also vulnerable and are unable to support their parents. But God has seen this family and heard their cries. In 2022, Care Workers heard their story and invited Lilith to the Care Point, where she could be holistically cared for. Since then she has joined the under-fives programme and she will be enrolled in school in the new year. Lilith sees the Care Point as her home and Folita as a mother figure in her life, a testimony to the love that the Care Workers feel for her.

Community Update

Although many challenges exist in Chinku such as witchcraft, early marriage, traditional beliefs and teenage pregnancy, the Care Workers are unified in their mission to serve not only their community but also one another. This year, there was a misunderstanding amongst the Care Workers that resulted in several not attending the Care Point, which had an impact on the children's quality of care. Committed to caring for the Care Workers, the local Hands at Work team in Lobi was able to help bring Godly reconciliation and the Chisangalalo CBO is now back to its full functionality. Praise God! Earlier this year, Harold, who was the coordinator of the Chisangalalo CBO, joined the local Hands at Work team in Lobi and Care Worker Mose became the new coordinator. Pray for Mose as he takes on this new role, that he will lead the Chisangalalo CBO with Christ-like love, grace and compassion.



Activities and Projects

A highlight and answered prayer for the Chisangalalo CBO was the new land that was graciously given by the chief. Currently, a children's shelter is being constructed (pictured left), with a kitchen and toilets to follow. Once completed, the CBO will begin operating from the new land. As food prices fluctuate throughout the year, the local team did a bulk purchase to save costs and to ensure the children get the proper nutrition they need each day. They were able to secure large quantities at a lower price, and the money saved can be put towards other needs. The bulk purchase consisted of maize, peanuts, rice and other non-perishables that will be used to feed the children throughout the year. Needing a safe place to store the food, a container was purchased which will be stored in a central community amongst the communities the Lobi team supports.

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