



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



Meet **Favour**, 1 of 150 children cared for
by EAGLES WINGS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

Ten-year-old Favour's* family spiralled into poverty after his father was in an accident at work, leaving him unable to work any further. Favour's mother, Idowu, started her own business selling food, but her work wasn't sustainable. With all their savings spent on hospital bills and with little to no income, they could not afford their rent, and moved into a wooden structure in Ilaje. It did not take long for Favour and his family to be noticed. Mrs. Joseph compassionately visited them and offered Favour and his brother a place at the CBO and at the school. Idowu was supported by the Care Workers to restart her business selling fresh-cooked meals. She was drawn to what she saw in the Care Workers and the Care Point and decided to become a Care Worker herself at the nearby Temitope CBO, where her young daughter and grandson attend!

Community Update

Ilaje is an incredibly impoverished, overcrowded slum community. There are many health challenges due to the environment and location of this community; flooding, rubbish, gang activity and wall-less structures serving as homes all contribute to the poor living conditions in this Lagos inlet. Abuse, neglect and abandonment are very common.

It is hard to identify how and where to start, but Eagles Wings CBO is truly bringing hope every day to this community. Over the past year, the teachers and Care Workers have grown in their relationships with each other and with the children, and have grown in their commitment to holistically care for the children. They visit the children's homes every day after school, bring in a local nurse when a child is unwell, and support Primary Caregivers with starting small business through income generating activities (IGAs). The Care Point is becoming a stable, safe place in which children can learn, play and grow.



Activities and Projects

A Maranatha Revival was held in April and, despite it being just before the rainy season when people are needing to fish and work, every Care Worker showed up, and transformation happened! The Care Workers found forgiveness, unity and reconciliation amongst themselves, and they re-committed to caring for the most vulnerable. They were able to open up with each other about their struggles and truly begin to care for each other. Their growth has been evident in the way they have been caring for the most vulnerable children in their care. Many practical needs of the children were met throughout this year. Soap, washing powder, school uniforms and supplies, mats, nets and deworming pills were all distributed amongst the children. Practical renovations were completed for the Care Point kitchen (pictured left), with a new roof and new drums for food storage.

