

# UPDATE FROM KATETAULA COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA

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



19-year-old Landisa\* is the eighth born in her family. She lives with both her parents and her two younger siblings. The older seven children live elsewhere. Sadly, both parents have poor health; her mother struggles with leg problems and her father was attacked on his way home from the bar one evening, leaving him with consistent health challenges since. Because of these health issues, both her parents are unable to work regularly. Last year, Landisa was invited to the Care Point after Care Workers noticed her on the outskirts of the Care Point, observing the other children play and eat their meal. Today, Landisa has developed a good relationship with Care Worker Lwisa and enjoys playing games with her friends at the Care Point. She has close relationships with children her age and enjoys learning Bemba and English at school where she is in grade 4.

## Community Update

Ongoing challenges in Katetaula, like its proximity to the Congo border, prostitution, a fear of witchcraft that causes mistrust and unforgiveness, limited understanding on the importance of education and no local clinic, make life for the most vulnerable in Katetaula incredibly difficult. But it is in these challenges that Care Workers Ambredo and Lwiza have stepped into the leadership of Katetaula CBO since Sylvester's death earlier this year. Their leadership has been an encouragement to the Care Workers and Primary Caregivers, particularly noticeable in how deeply they care for one another in their Relationship Group, where they can share challenges and study God's word. This is especially encouraging since there was a significant breakdown in their relationships about a year ago. Today, thankfully, many have confessed their wrongdoing and months of disunity has been resolved. Though there is still great need for the Care Workers and Primary Caregivers to know Jesus, Ambredo and Lwiza are encouraged.



## Activities and Projects

This year marked the beginning of a new season for Katetaula as they opened their Care Point building. In addition to the building, new toilets were constructed at the Care Point (pictured left). In June, Katetaula CBO hosted a team from Canada, who have long supported the work in Katetaula. Two members of the team were invited to attend the funeral of a Care Worker, who had just recently passed away. This was a great encouragement to the family. Many of the Care Workers expressed how grateful they were to know that people support them from afar and are willing to travel far distances to be with them in person. The holistic care of the children remains a priority for the Katetaula CBO. Throughout this year, they have distributed blankets, secondhand clothing and basic hygiene items like soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste – all contributing to their overall health and well-being.

