



Twenty-four dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Maria Viola, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Macadeira. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Ten-year-old Beatrise* lost her father when she was just three, and her mother left home to marry into another family. Beatrise's grandmother suddenly became the Primary Caregiver for Beatrise and her brother, who in her elderly age and frail state, was overwhelmed with the impossibility of this role. Not being able to work means she cannot provide even the basic necessities of life for her grandchildren. Members of the community generously gave the family a plot of land to settle on, as their vulnerability was so obvious. Pastor Jimo and Care Worker Maria met Beatrise last year while going on Holy Home Visits, and earlier this year, Beatrise was invited to come to the Life Centre and receive the extra support she desperately needed. Care Worker Nessi is building a beautiful relationship of love and trust with Beatrise and has taken the whole family under her wing.

Community Update

Brokenness is evident in families and relationships within Macadeira, but one by one, lives are being transformed and being healed. The daily happenings at the Life Centre in Macadeira are evidence of this - Christ's life-giving love in action is on full display.

The Under 5s Programme brings fresh life and joy to the Care Workers every day (pictured left). The youth pitch in with daily tasks like washing dishes. Church leaders take turns visiting the Life Centre to spend time with the children and Care Workers. The Care Workers meet for a Relationship Group every week, and as a result, are deepening their relationships with one another and walking more and more in unity. The Care Workers visit each child's home, acknowledging the value of the most vulnerable families. All of these vibrant relationships and activities cast hope throughout Macadeira.



Activities and Projects

A Foundations Training for the Care Workers took place in March, which has led to spiritual growth and unity amongst the Care Workers. Their Relationship Group has been growing, with some church leaders being involved and new Care Workers joining the Life Centre. The involvement from local churches has been encouraging, as church leaders consistently support and visit the Life Centre. Practical items have been distributed amongst the children this year, including blankets and mattresses, jackets, underwear, and deworming medication. Some roof repairs have been completed by adding plastic underneath the roofing material so these homes are watertight and secure in the rains and storms.