

Thirty-two dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Pastor Alpha Lyambo, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Malakata. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Beauty* is the second-born of four children who stay with their 74-year-old grandmother. In 2017, while the children were living with their parents in Lusaka, Beauty's mother tragically passed away, leaving her and her siblings with their father. Overwhelmed by grief, he turned to alcohol. He began leaving the children locked in the house while he would go out to drink, and when he would come home, Beauty and her siblings were left to beg for food as their only means of a meal. In 2019, a neighbour saw the situation and helped the children contact their grandmother in Malakata, who arranged to bring them back to stay with her. Life was still challenging for them, but in July of this year, the Care Point opened, and Beauty and her siblings joined the program. Beauty's grandmother testifies to God's goodness. Beauty loves to sing, play sports and attend school. She now can dream for her future, one in which she would like to become a doctor.

Community Update

Amid darkness, a light is beginning to shine. The community of Malakata has long struggled with droughts or floods, making maize harvests difficult to attain. It is a long distance to any medical care, leaving people vulnerable to even basic sicknesses, and small community schools mean education cannot accommodate all. By God's grace, the community of Malakata was identified and local volunteer Care Workers were mobilised from seven local churches. They have begun with a commitment to care for each other, meeting weekly to share burdens, read from scripture and pray for one another. They are also committed to caring for the children and visiting them in their homes. In July, the 3 Essential Services program began supporting 50 children. As an example of how the Care Workers have bought into the vision of Hands at Work, they have organised to feed breakfast to the Under 5's for three months.



Activities and Projects

As a part of the mobilisation of the local church to care for the most vulnerable, a Foundations Training was run by the local Hands at Work team from Chisamba. This is a time when the team spend a week in the community, getting to know the Care Workers and children more deeply. They spend time digging into Scripture and sharing why we do what we do. All 32 Care Workers took part and embraced what was shared. There was much healing and restoration in this time. Pastor Alpha donated land for the CBO and feeding started under the shelter of a tree. The Care Workers plan to construct a temporary simple wood and grass shelter to gather under. A toilet (pictured left) was constructed for the CBO, which greatly improves health and hygiene. Next year, the hope is to build a permanent Care Point structure and drill a borehole.

