



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



The last two years have been incredibly difficult for 13-year-old Paulina*. Her father passed away last year, leaving behind his wife and six children. As Paulina's mother, Albertina, was busy raising six young children, she depended on her husband to financially provide for her family. In the midst of her grief, she had to go out and find work, but working in the fields and selling vegetables at the local market was never enough. Thankfully, the Care Workers stepped in and welcomed the entire family to the Life Centre. This was the turning point in Paulina's family's grief. Albertina was so moved by the way her family was loved by the Care Workers that she became a Care Worker herself. With all her children receiving a daily meal and access to education and basic health care, Albertina could once again breathe, knowing Paulina and her other children were being poured into by her fellow Care Workers.

Community Update

The Life Centre has built supportive connections with local churches, the community chief and the local clinic, making it a place of influence in the community. Two more Care Workers have joined the Life Centre this year, and the Care Workers' Relationship Group has grown as these men and women seek to deepen their relationships with each other and learn more about God's love. The Life Centre, which is on the property of a local church, is becoming more and more of a welcoming place for children to spend time. The Under 5s Programme has meant the younger children spend more time playing at the Life Centre. The Hands at Work local office has been supporting the Care Workers with Holy Home Visits, ensuring each child is visited in their home every week. This allows the Care Workers to build relationships with families and ensures the children are holistically cared for.



Activities and Projects

The Life Centre held a Maranatha Workshop and Foundations Training earlier this year to give the Care Workers the opportunity to grow in their understanding of God and His heart for the most vulnerable. The Life Centre was greatly encouraged by the time spent with the Turning Point Team. The Care Workers experienced deep transformation and shared incredible testimonies following the trip! Practical items were distributed to the children, such as blankets, mattresses, jackets and deworming medication. Food parcels were given to children who needed them most. Seven roofs were repaired, ensuring they are waterproof and can withstand rains and storms. In August, there was a youth camp for several youth from Matsinho B and three other communities Hands is serving (pictured left). During the camp, they learnt about the kingdom of God and what it means to make healthy life choices. Pray the youth take to heart what was shared and make positive changes in their lives.

