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



Mubita\* is three years old and regularly attends the Life Centre with his older sister. While his mother loves Mubita and his sister, she does not know who their fathers are and does not earn a consistent income as she spends much of her time in the local bar. As a result, Mubita and his sister are cared for by their grandmother. It was only last year that Mubita was found by Care Worker Rosemary, when he would follow his sister to the Life Centre. After many of these sightings, Rosemary visited their home to assess the situation. Since joining the Under 5s program, he is thriving, especially with Care Worker Annie checking on him often. He is social, loves to play with his friends, and especially enjoys being gathered in the arms of visitors when they come to the Life Centre.

## **Community Update**

The Care Workers in Mount Moriah love to meet regularly for their Relationship Group, where they can share their challenges and pray together. They serve the children with unity and in an organised way. This is seen in the way that they secured proper land documentation for the Life Centre and ensure that the children eat, even on public holidays when there is no obligation for them to be there. They know the children by name, and through regular visits to their homes, know the complexities of each child's story. Mount Moriah CBO is supported by the local town council offices and clinic, who the Care Workers have cultivated relationships with. Even with challenges in their homes like poor hygiene, absent fathers and alcohol abuse, the Primary Caregivers have grown in their involvement with Mount Moriah CBO, notably in the Under 5s program. Also, the youth are becoming increasingly involved at the Life Centre and enjoy cleaning alongside the Care Workers.





## **Activities and Projects**

This year, Mount Moriah CBO received visitors from across the world including Australia, Canada and the United States. These visits were very encouraging and the Care Workers expressed thankfulness for their support. Likewise, the visitors were impacted by the faithful dedication of the Care Workers in serving the children. This year, those in need received new blankets, clothing, hygiene items and there are plans to distribute mosquito nets soon. A fence was constructed around the Life Centre property (pictured left), providing security and defining it as a safe place for the children. On the property, there was a kitchen in bad repair, but this has been renovated to be a home for the caretaker of the Life Centre. The Luanshya Rotary Club has supported Mount Moriah CBO by installing a borehole and toilet block, and though they are thrilled with the fence as it is now, they hope to install an even better fence made of brick in the future.

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