

# HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

## ZIMBA B COMMUNITY

### ZAMBIA | KITWE REGION

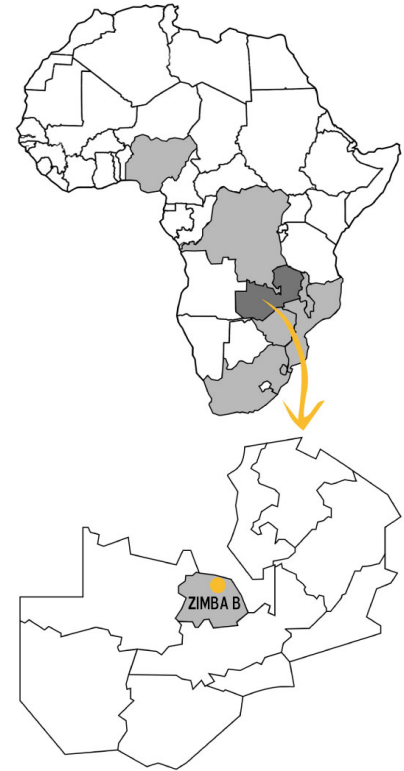
In 1996, Hildah, the 'Mother Theresa' in Zimba, saw the needs in her community and was moved by compassion to start caring for the orphaned and vulnerable. In the same year, George Snyman, the co-founder of Hands at Work, visited Zimba and shared his heart for the poor with Hildah and a few other women in the community. According to Hildah, George's visit brought much hope and encouragement into the Care Workers' lives and inspired them to continue caring for the orphaned and vulnerable children around them. Hildah's dream for Zimba was to see transformation - especially in the lives of the children who seemed to have no hope for the future.

Strongholds within the community of Zimba include witchcraft, alcohol abuse, early childhood marriage and child labour. Another challenge in the community is having access to clean and safe drinking water. Often, people have to walk long distances to collect water. Most Primary Caregivers rely on the crops they grow and harvest as their only source of food. They have difficulty seeing how they will be able to provide for themselves and their families when they are faced with frequent droughts. Because there is no possibility of irrigation for the crops, regular rainfall is essential for a successful harvest.

Hands at Work started a partnership with Kachema Musuma Community Based Organisation (CBO) and in 2012, began supporting them as they cared for the most vulnerable children.

In 2023, an assessment of the children identified many who were travelling long distances every day to receive a meal at the Care Point. A decision was made to establish a second Care Point, Zimba B, closer to the more remote families. Today, 80 of the most vulnerable children receive the life-giving services of a daily hot, nutritious meal and support with their education and basic health care. Yet, the care that the children receive extends far beyond their physical needs. Thirteen Care Workers are committed to visiting the children in their homes and bringing parental care and love while sharing about the hope of Jesus.

The Care Workers in Zimba B fully give of themselves to care for the vulnerable children in their community, though they are very poor themselves, surviving by doing temporary, occasional jobs such as gardening and selling vegetables and charcoal. They lead sacrificial lives in order to care for those who are struggling and are examples of true servants who are committed to caring and bringing hope to those around them. The most recent project, building the Care Point structure at Zimba B, was completed in 2023.



Children Currently Supported **80**  
 Number of Care Workers **10**  
 Coordinator Name **Baptister**  
 Distance from Local Office **90km**  
 Basic Services Started In **2023**