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



After the passing of his mother, twelve-year-old Nathan* and his three siblings moved in with their elderly grandmother. To fill in the gap to provide for her grandchildren, Nathan's grandmother sells charcoal, but this is back-breaking work and not enough to cover the costs of a family. Her neighbours connected her to the Care Workers, who visited the family's home and listened to their story. The Care Workers holistically began to support Nathan's entire family – from fulfilling the basic needs of food, education and health care for the children, to building a relationship with his grandmother. Nathan's grandmother recently shared with the Care Workers that through the Life Centre, she has seen a positive change in Nathan which has encouraged her greatly. What a vibrant picture of Kingdom Culture being built between families in Zimba!

Community Update

From Hildah and her fellow Care Workers to the youngest toddler, this new Life Centre is developing into a place of love and belonging. The Care Workers have taken ownership of the vision for the Life Centre; they are intentionally building deeper relationships with Primary Caregivers and are focusing on maintaining unity amongst themselves. Together with the Care Workers from Zimba A Life Centre, they meet weekly for their Relationship Group with the purpose of sharing their joys and struggles and learn more deeply the truths of the Bible.

Two of the youth attended the Youth Leaders Camp held at Kachele, which was a good opportunity for them to develop friendships with youth from other communities and be encouraged and taught how to become Godly leaders in their own community. Although school takes up most of their day, the youth from both Life Centres in Zimba meet on Saturdays for the Relationship Group.





Activities and Projects

Before now, the Life Centre had been operating from a rented property, but the construction of a new Life Centre (pictured left) with a kitchen and toilet will be completed this month. While the rented property has been a gift, the children are looking forward to playing soccer on a bigger plot of land.

The Care Workers were refreshed with vision and purpose through the Foundations Training and Care Worker Revival events held earlier this year. They are really taking ownership of the Life Centre, and people in Zimba are noticing. People have been giving generous food donations to the Life Centre and the local clinic is planning to visit the Life Centre to equip caregivers with caring for children's specific health challenges.

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