

Hands at Work in Africa is Christ-centered, community-based, committed to the poor and striving boldly to reach 100,000 orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa, one by one.

Their mission is to encourage, develop and support the ministry of servanthood among those in need in their communities.

Hands at Work are committed to the biblical mandate to care for orphans, widowed and those in need.

WHERE WE WORK



CARING FOR CHILDREN

The goal of Hands at Work is to care for 100,000 orphaned and vulnerable children through its unique model of community care. As the local church is mobilised in each African community to unite and reach out, they are equipped to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to the most vulnerable children and families in their community.

HANDS AT WORK IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING...



FOOD SECURITY

Lack of a secure food source is a primary cause of vulnerability among Africa's poorest children, driving many to incredibly dangerous survival practices. Young girls across Africa are daily selling their bodies just to secure a plate of food.



EDUCATION

Millions of orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa have no access to even primary education. Orphans are often forced to abandon school for a number of reasons: inadequate funds for school fees, caring for sick family members or younger siblings, emotional distress, and discrimination. But education is the key to unlocking every child's God-given potential.



BASIC HEALTH CARE

Hands at Work in Africa improves the health of the most vulnerable through a suite of holistic activities delivered in the homes of sick and dying parents and of orphaned and vulnerable children.



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AFRICA

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Hands at Work provides primary health care, education and food. LifeSource currently supports 150 children in extreme poverty in Zambia.

Praise points

- 2 new houses completed
- God is moving and people's hearts are being stirred.
- People are expectant and have faith for a miracle.
- LifeSource Global Cafe gave \$10,500 in Drought Relief to support our 2 communities.



Harvest Support/ Drought Relief

For immediate food support, Hands at Work provides food for the most vulnerable Primary Care Givers through the daily feeding program at the Care Point. The next step provides more sustainable support, giving seed and fertiliser for the next planting season.



Tears Story

This photo shows the beautiful transformation of Tears. In our visit to her community 2 years ago, Tears' only shirt was ripped and barely covering her frail frame. She recalled that day (when she was given a new shirt) was the day her life turned around. Tears is so grateful that God saw her and knows her and now she regularly attends the Care point. Things are still very difficult, but now there is real joy, hope and love in her heart.



Kamaila Community

In 2021, Peter and his wife Cecelia, went back to Kamaila community and had the opportunity to spend time with Pastor David and his wife Quinn. After studying James 1:27, they were immediately compelled to action and offered up a place in the community to start caring for the most vulnerable children. Together they took responsibility to share the message they had received with the other local churches and inspiring Care Workers to volunteer and there are now 23 committed Care Workers faithfully serving each day.

Prayer points

- Clean water, seed and fertiliser that yield good crops are desperately needed. The drought has been severe and more families are in crisis than before.
- Care workers and church volunteers to continue to show love and compassion and disciple believers so they grow spiritually.
- For the leaders in the communities to model generosity, compassion and integrity so they stand for what is right and protect those at risk.

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Prayer points:

- Children: Health, strength, healing, & protection
- Caregivers: grace, love, and provision
- Community: empowered and wise
- Church: strong disciples, right leaders with integrity, & the raising up of new leaders to share the load.

Cecilia and Emma shared from Exodus 14:13-14, at a recent conference:

Emma says, "It's wonderful just how powerful this scripture is. I like the picture it gives us. We can see it in our minds - the Israelites all together. There is this great Red Sea, and you can't cross it. They don't have boats. Most of them probably can't swim, and you can't swim that far if you wanted to. There are millions of people. Some of them are elderly and some of them are children. There's nowhere to go; you can't go forward. When they turn and see this whole army coming for them, it must have been frightening. Pharaoh's army caught up with them quickly with his horses and chariots. The sheer noise and the dust filling up the horizon with this army coming for them. This speaks to how it is when you're in that hard place. Everyone has been there and many probably are there now. We all have struggles. They might be different, but we have struggles and we can get to that place where we just don't know what to do and we don't know the way forward. I also love in this scripture that there are clear commands. Moses says to the people, "Don't be afraid." And you know they're terrified if you read more of the passage from verse 10, you'll see they're complaining like nothing else. And then Moses says to stand firm. Stand firm in what you believe.

What do you really believe about Jesus? Do you believe He is Lord and Saviour and He can deliver you from all things? Are you confessing faith? Or are you like the Israelites? They were really confessing unbelief, weren't they? Stand firm and then wait. Wait and see that the Lord will deliver you. That's the hard part, isn't it? And that's what grows our faith and challenges us. Are we going to stand firm and wait for God to deliver us? However long it comes? And then that wonderful thing, the Lord is fighting for you. That's a faith thing, because sometimes we think the Lord is not doing anything. But the Lord will fight for us. We just need to be still. That fills me with a sense of peace.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST Cecilia Matibula, African Leader (Zambia), Chisamba Service Centre Coordinator Emma Baxter, International Volunteer (Australia), Zambia Regional Support Team



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Hands at Work supports the poorest communities in Africa bringing hope, education, food, and medical care. They do this by activating local volunteers and Care givers in the community and by partnering with local churches.

Lifesource currently sponsors 125 children in 2 rural communities so they have access to:

1. Food (1 meal a day),
2. Education
3. Medical care.

Meet Matilda* one of the most vulnerable children we care for in Racecourse Community, Zambia. At only six years old, Matilda* struggles with a life-threatening illness and takes life-giving medication daily. She is often rejected by people in her community because of her illness. Thankfully, the Care Workers are committed to loving and caring for Matilda, something she was missing but so desperately needed. Matilda goes to the Care Point daily, where she is known by name and has friends to play with.



Lifesource has also sponsored:

- Under 5s feeding program
- 2 wells, giving clean water to a community
- 4 homes for widows
- Blankets for 2 communities in winter
- Winter Clothes for children



Please pray for:

- Protection, wisdom and compassion for Care Workers. That they would foster and love children in their care as their own.
- Crops would flourish and community be blessed
- Children to grow and be disciplined
- Youth and Young Adults to become disciple makers and invest in their communities
- Communities would follow Jesus completely and turn away from witchcraft
- Strong men with integrity to work together with church

Zambia Population 19,932,760

% people living extreme poverty 59%

Children living with HIV/ AIDS 82,000

Children orphaned due to AIV/AIDS 700,000

