



# *Hands at Work*

## PEPPERCORN-STIFTUNG

Die Peppercorn-Stiftung wurde 2003 als gemeinnützige Stiftung in München gegründet. Julia und Bernard Eßmann engagieren sich mit ihren Partnern, wie der Baltershof Stiftung, liebevoll um die Kinder, deren Leben von Verlust und Perspektivlosigkeit geprägt ist. Eines der Projekte in Afrika ist das Dorf Kamakonde im Norden Sambias nahe der Millionenstadt Kitwe. Der Verfall der Kupferpreise auf dem Weltmarkt hat die Region schwer getroffen.



Es gibt nur eine Schule, kein Krankenhaus und keine Transportmöglichkeiten. In Kamakonde leben 5.500 Kinder unter 15 Jahren. Viele haben ihre Eltern durch AIDS verloren, wohnen bei Verwandten und Großeltern oder auch allein mit ihren Geschwistern. Als einzige Einkommensquelle dient die Arbeit der Kinder. Sie sammeln Feuerholz oder Gesteinsbrocken und verkaufen diese als Baumaterial.



Am Beispiel Kamakondes wird die Wirksamkeit des Hilfsansatzes deutlich. Das Projekt hat sich seit 2011 großartig entwickelt. Dank eines Bohrlochs ist der Zugang zu sauberem Wasser gewährleistet, sodass ein großer Garten zur Versorgung der Kinder angelegt werden konnte. In der eigenen Schule werden Schüler bis zur 4. Klasse unterrichtet.





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about the dangers of alcohol abuse, prostitution, early childhood marriage, gangs and crime. In April, three of the girls from Kamakonde were invited to go to Hands at Work's Kachele Village with youth from other communities for a week-long youth camp. The purpose of the camp was to help the youth develop a deeper understanding of who God is and what it means to be a servant leader in their community. Afterwards, the girls started getting more involved with the daily activities at the Care Point; helping the Care Workers cook, clean, and do Holy Home Visits, as exemplified by their Care Workers. The hope is that they will be able to share what they learned with the other youth and have the courage to be a positive influence in the community.

A challenge that the local Hands at Work team is focused on addressing is the need for consistent leadership for the Dorcus CBO. It is difficult for Pastor Joseph, who is the current coordinator, to lead the Dorcus CBO while caring for his church and providing for his family. The local Hands at Work team are spending time with the other Care Workers and have invited them to a Hands at Work Foundations Training. This training will be an opportunity for some of the Care Workers to hear the vision of Hands at Work for the very first time.

One of the churches in Kitwe is supporting what the Care Workers do by donating maize meal (a staple food in Zambia), as well as donating clothing and school uniforms. Additionally, one of the women from the church began helping with the secondary school fees for five of the children who come to the Care Point.

"In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears"

— 2 Samuel 22:7 (ESV)

Life for 12-year-old Gloria\* is difficult, evident by the stoic expression she carries. Her father passed away, her mother struggles to make ends meet, and her aunt, who they live with, often mistreats them and chases them from the home. Thankfully, the Care Workers from the Dorcus CBO are committed to caring holistically for Gloria and her family and taking Gloria's sister to the clinic for her frequent seizures.



## Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **100**

Number of Care Workers: **12**

Coordinator Name: **Pastor Joseph**

Distance from Service Center: **5km**

Basic services started in: **2011**

Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by strengthening their families and building resilience in their communities. Christian volunteers provide these children with access to food, basic health care and education, as well as holistically care for them and those who support them. Through long-term, committed relationships, these children begin to be healed from past trauma and become catalysts for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

“The local Hands at Work team in Kitwe and the volunteer Care Workers from the Dorcus Community Based Organisation (CBO) are committed to investing into the youth who attend the Care Point. They share