



Hands at Work
AFRICA

Report on Chibote Community, Zambia

October to December 2019

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA (US) *in partnership with*
The Bridge Church

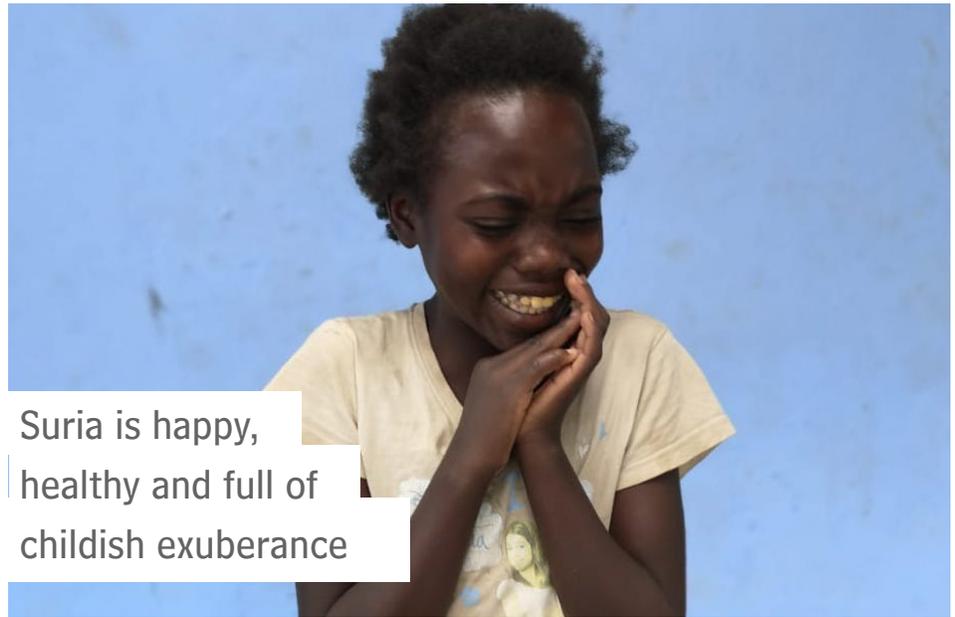
Updates

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COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: **150**

All of the children at the Life Centre were recently de-wormed, rounding off a successful year of providing de-worming medication for all on a three-monthly basis, and ensuring that the children are able to absorb the maximum nutrition from the meal that they receive each day.

After identifying those most in need, the Care Workers distributed blankets to 44 children, ensuring that each is warm during the cold winter nights.



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“ God’s vast love is evident in the community of Chibote, not least in the figure of Life Centre Coordinator, Mercy, who, with Christ providing the foundation, exudes care for the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of the children under her provision. Suria* is one such child who has come on in leaps and bounds since receiving the compassionate attention of Mercy during Holy Home Visits. Now at the Life Centre with her younger brother, Suria is happy, healthy and full of childish exuberance, but life has not always been this way.

or leaving her children alone in a vulnerable community - where alcohol dependency is rife – for long periods of time, even late into the night, Suria’s mother has reluctantly had to choose the latter to generate a small income of her own.

The caring figure of Mercy has been evidence of God’s hand on the community. Living close to Suria, Mercy visits the family frequently and assists them in their many needs. Having been scooped up into the loving arms of the Care Workers, Suria and her younger brother are now cared for holistically at the Life Centre. With a hot, nutritious meal provided daily, Suria’s health and happiness have abounded and she no longer feels alone and vulnerable. Attending the local school, and secure in the love and support of the Care Workers, Suria is confident of the Life Centre as a place of safety and belonging, where she is known by name, deeply loved and can learn about the love of Christ.

Suria’s deep vulnerability became evident to Mercy when she observed Suria and her five siblings frequently left alone with no adult figure to safeguard them. Although once part of a loving family, Suria’s world was jolted when her father moved back in with his own mother and left them all to fend for themselves. Although Suria’s father does occasional odd jobs, the income this generates is spent on alcohol, so Suria’s mother has had to find a way to provide for the family. Left with the stark choice of seeing her children go hungry

2019 Spending on Objectives



- 1. Provide Food (48%)
- 2. Provide Education (12%)
- 3. Provide Basic Health (8%)
- 4. Mentor & Support (22%)
- 5. Administration (10%)