



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Mluti Community, South Africa

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MLUTI COMMUNITY
BASED ORGANISATION



Foundations Training facilitated by the Hazyview Local Office Team and the Hands at Work Regional Support Team. The Care Workers learned about the Hands at Work vision and the importance of sharing their stories with one another. They have since begun to open up and be vulnerable with each other. Two Care Workers from the nearby community of Zwelisha were also able to be a part of the workshop. This was hugely beneficial as they were able to share with the Care Workers from Mluti how they are implementing the heart of Hands at Work within their own community. The new Care Workers were able to grasp the vision and have a deeper understanding of God's love for His children. The Hazyview Local Office Team is walking closely with this group as they learn and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a Care Worker and to fight for the most vulnerable children in Mluti like Philani* (pictured right).

“Learn to do good. Seek justice
Help the oppressed. Defend the
cause of orphans. Fight for the
rights of widows.” – Isaiah 1:17 (NLT)

Six-year-old Philani* and his brother have been raised by their grandmother ever since their mother died days after giving birth to Philani. When he was only three years old, he was hit by a car and hospitalised for three months, adding to his vulnerability. Philani's grandmother recently became a Care Worker and has found healing within the trauma that she has experienced after the loss of her only daughter. Since the beginning of 2018, both Philani and his brother are receiving the life-giving services at the daily Care Point.

Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **50**

Number of Care Workers: **10**

Coordinator Name: **Catherine**

Distance from Service Center: **70km**

Basic services started in: **2012**

Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by providing access to food, basic health care and education through the local African church. Through Christian volunteers, children and those who support them are being cared for holistically in the poorest communities. As these children are healed from past trauma, they become a catalyst for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

“In 2018, eight new local volunteers from the community of Mluti have stepped forward to become Care Workers. They have brought new energy to the Care Point which has encouraged the other Care Workers in the work they do each day. In May, the Care Workers attended a

In March, the Maintenance Team from the Hands at Work Hub in South Africa completed the roofing, windows and floors of a half-built house of four children from the community. The eldest brother from the family was able to learn and help with the building project and developed a strong relationship with some of the men on the Maintenance Team.

In July, Mluti Community Based Organisation was able to increase the number of children being cared for by a further 15. These children will receive support with food, basic education and health care, along with regular Holy Home Visits. These 15 children, from four vulnerable families, have been welcomed and are loved by the children and Care Workers in Mluti.

