



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Msengeni B Community, Swaziland

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Kirchenkreis Winsen

Updates

MSENGENI B
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: **50**

The Hands at Work local office team in Swaziland is encouraged by the unity that they see amongst the dedicated local volunteer Care Workers at Msengeni B Care Point. Co-Coordinator, Sthembile, shows a strong Christ-like leadership and is respected by her fellow Care Workers. Together they have created a welcome and friendly environment for the children at the Care Point.

Through assessment of the children they care for, Msengeni B Care Workers identified 14 children in need of school trousers, shirts, shoes, tunics or skirts to enable them to begin the new school year.

*Thank you for continuing to faithfully pray and support the most vulnerable children across Africa.
"We are together"*

*- Oshoek Local Office
Team, South Africa*

Sabelo is happy
and confident



“Nine-year-old Sabelo* lives with his parents, three siblings and two cousins in the community of Msengeni. One of the biggest challenges facing the family, is securing a steady source of income. Often, living day to day, the family relies on farming a small plot of land for maize, pumpkin and ground nuts to survive. Sabelo's father does his best to find odd jobs around the community. When he is unable to find anything nearby, he looks outside the community which often keeps him away from home for long periods of time. The family's small home is made of mud and stone and lacks the basic necessities such as blankets or mattresses to help keep them warm at night.

Amidst the family's fight to survive, there is a beacon of light and hope shining from the Msengeni B Community Based Organisation (CBO) where local volunteer Care Workers have committed to serving 50 of the most vulnerable children. Living in a small community,

many people were aware of this family's immense vulnerability and in 2017, one of the Care Workers, Sphiwe started visiting Sabelo and his family. She learnt their story and over time they have built a strong relationship of trust. Visiting on a regular basis, Sphiwe speaks words of encouragement to Sabelo's mother and has become a strong support for the entire family.

Sabelo was invited to attend the Care Point, where he receives a hot and nutritious meal and support with his basic health care and education – he is currently in grade three and is a very clever young boy. At the Care Point, Sabelo is supported by the Care Workers with his homework and through the example set by them, Sabelo now helps other children.

The love and care that Sabelo receives from the Care Workers at Msengeni B Care Point, in particular Sphiwe, has helped to shape Sabelo into a happy and confident nine-year-old boy who can often be seen playing with his friends and the other children at the Care Point.