



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Macadeira Life Centre

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership*
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“In the community of Macadeira, Mozambique, the most vulnerable children were being cared for out of a local church from the inception of the Community Based Organisation. As time went on, it became apparent that a move was needed as the church facilities became inadequate for the growing number of children being cared for.

An answer to prayer came when the local chief, moved by the way that the children were being cared for, donated a piece of land to be used as a Life Centre. The Care Workers came together and worked hard to bake the bricks in preparation for building. In August of 2017, Phil and Paul, two builders from Australia who were visiting in Africa with Hands at Work came to Macadeira to assist in its construction. During their time, they were able to play an active role in the building of the Life Centre, under the direction of Simon, a construction

expert from South Africa, and Andrew, a local African leader based in Zimbabwe – both of whom serve full-time with Hands at Work. Together, these four men were able to construct the building together. The foundation was laid, the toilets built and the roof of the Life Centre installed. The coming together of people from the International Church with local African leaders was a beautiful picture of Hands at Work’s vision; the local church and the global church working together to serve the most vulnerable.

A fence was added around the property and a borehole was installed, together with a pump to secure regular water access. The cooking shelter was the final part of the project to be completed and on November 1st 2017, the Life Centre opened and the children came for the very first time. What a day of celebration it was!



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Going forward, there are plans to build a playground at the Life Centre. The chief has offered a large piece of land adjacent to the current property, which is the size of a soccer field. This will be a welcome play space for the children as they come each day to enjoy the Life Centre.

Earlier in 2017, during an especially tumultuous time in the ongoing conflict and civil unrest in Mozambique, a number of children and grandmothers had to flee their homes for safety. Many of the children have now been found, but some are still unaccounted for. One such boy is 13-year-old Felipe. He lived with his grandmother who has been found, but sadly Felipe is still missing. Please continue to pray for vulnerable children like Felipe, as well as those being cared for by the volunteers in Macadeira.



Felipe and George

