

# UPDATE FROM KAMBOVE COMMUNITY | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Fifteen dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Aimerance, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kambove. The love and care they provide ensure each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Care Worker Aimerance met 12-year-old Hugo\* and his younger brother and learned their story during Holy Home Visits. Living with their elderly grandfather after the passing of their parents, Hugo and his brother were left in a precarious situation. Hugo's grandfather struggled to provide for the basic needs of his grandchildren due to his age. Wanting to come around this family in their time of desperation, Aimerance invited Hugo and his brother to the Life Centre, where they could be holistically cared for. Over the years, they have been supported with a variety of health care items like blankets, mosquito nets and deworming medication – all contributing to their overall health and hygiene. But even more so, Hugo is surrounded by people who love and care for him. He has developed a trusting relationship with Aimerance and has grown in confidence, feeling free to play with his friends at the Life Centre.

## Community Update

Hoping to earn an income within their mining community, many youth within Kambove feel pulled to leave school in order to find work in the mines. As is commonly the case in this area, they are drawn to substance abuse. Thankfully, the Care Workers and local Hands at Work team in Likasi are committed to the children who come to the Life Centre. Regularly meeting for Relationship Groups, a safe place to share their challenges and read God's word, the Care Workers are growing in their relationships with one another, and thus making an impact on the children whom they care for. This year marked the start of the under-fives programme in Kambove. For the first time, children under five years of age will be able to come to the Life Centre in the morning and receive breakfast, rest, play with friends, and learn about Jesus, all while their older siblings are in school.



## Activities and Projects

In August, four youth in Kambove participated in a youth camp with young people from four other communities. The purpose of the camp was to help them grow in their relationship with Christ and learn what it means to live a life with Godly character. Fruit can already be seen in each community, including Kambove, as the youth have started meeting for Relationship Groups. They are quick to help the Care Workers with day-to-day activities of the Life Centre, like washing dishes and caring for the younger children. To enhance health and hygiene, new school shoes (pictured left) were distributed to each child, ensuring they do not get sick with worms or other illnesses that burrow from the ground. Additionally, deworming medication was distributed to them on a quarterly basis, ensuring they were receiving the proper nutrients from their daily meal.