

Distribution Report

Partner: ACE

Shipment ID: S25029

Testimony #1953

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

4101-MEN-TSHIRT,4104-MEN-SWTSHIRT,4201-WOM-TSHIRT

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

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The Christian Mission in Many Lands (CMML) church in this community serves a large population of elderly individuals, widows, and vulnerable families who depend on faith-based support systems. Many congregants are unable to work due to age or illness and rely on well-wishers and small, irregular assistance. Distributing clothing and essential items through such community structures ensures that support reaches those most in need, especially elderly caregivers who are struggling to sustain themselves and their dependents.

Name

Esther Chishala

Age

66 years old

Gender

female

Occupation

Unemployed, was previously an informal trader selling a traditional beverage called munkoyo

Family Size

5

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Esther Chishala is a 66-year-old widow who has lived in Ng'ombe Compound for over 10 years. She lives with her grandchildren and her youngest child, who is currently unemployed. One of her grandchildren does occasional piecework to contribute to the household. The family stays as caretakers in an unfinished house that has no access to electricity or running water, exposing them

to difficult and unsafe living conditions. Due to limited resources, the household often survives on only one meal a day and depends heavily on well-wishers, as her other children are also struggling to support themselves. Esther previously sold munkoyo to earn an income, but she had to stop after developing chronic back pain, which forced her to use up her small capital on medication and food. She is now unable to work and has no reliable source of income.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Esther and her household face severe vulnerability due to the lack of a stable income and her inability to work. Their most urgent needs include consistent access to food, as they rarely manage more than one meal per day, as well as safe and stable housing with access to basic services such as water and electricity. Warm clothing is also essential, particularly given their limited resources and exposure to harsh weather conditions. Overall, the family requires ongoing support to meet their basic needs and improve their living conditions.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The donation of T-shirts and sweaters brought much needed warmth to Esther, who had no means of purchasing clothing for herself. The support eased part of her daily burden and gave a sense of recognition during a time of hardship. For someone living in extreme vulnerability, this gesture not only met a practical need but also reminded her that she is not forgotten.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“I am very grateful for the T-shirts and sweaters. I never expected that someone could think of us as

a family."

Testimony #2131

Testimony Type

Local community

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The Christian Mission in Many Lands (CMML) church in this community serves a large number of elderly people and widows who rely on faith-based and community support systems. Distributing clothing and essential items through the church ensures that assistance reaches highly vulnerable individuals who are unable to sustain themselves due to age, abandonment, or economic hardship.

Name

Annie Mulenga

Age

63 years old

Gender

female

Occupation

Unemployed, former informal trader (sold tomatoes and fritters)

Family Size

7

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Annie Mulenga is a 63-year-old woman who has lived in Ng'ombe Compound for over 10 years. Although married, her husband left home and relocated to an unknown place, leaving her solely responsible for sustaining her household. She lives with her grandchildren in a rented house, for which she pays K900 per month. Annie previously ran a small business selling tomatoes and fritters, but due to ongoing financial hardships, she exhausted both her profits and capital and is no longer able to continue the business. Currently, she depends on occasional support from her daughters,

who are themselves reliant on their husbands and face their own financial constraints. Despite this support, Annie struggles to meet her basic needs, and the household often survives on only one meal per day.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Annie's primary needs include consistent access to food for her household, as well as financial support to stabilize her living conditions. She expressed a strong desire for capital to restart her small business, particularly tomato trading, which would enable her to generate income independently. In addition, she requires clothing and other basic necessities that she is currently unable to afford as she channels her little income to food and rent only. Overall, Annie needs sustainable livelihood support to reduce her dependence on others and improve her household's wellbeing.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The donation of sweaters and T-shirts provided relief to Annie and her household, especially during the cold season. As she had no means to purchase clothing. Beyond meeting a basic need, the support encouraged and uplifted her during a time of hardship, reminding her that she is not alone and that help is available within her community.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

"We are very grateful and happy for these high-quality clothes. Please do not stop helping us."

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Name

Elizabeth Mubili

Age

71

Gender

female

Occupation

Unemployed, former informal trader (vegetable seller)

Family Size

12

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Elizabeth Mubili is a 71-year-old widow who has been caring for a household of 11 dependents since the death of her husband three years ago. Although she has six biological children, they do not live with her, and she remains the primary caregiver for those in her home. She lives in a house that she and her late husband built many years ago, which has provided her with some stability. She shared that without this shelter, she would have been forced to relocate to the village with her entire family.

Before her husband's passing, Elizabeth sold vegetables to support the household. However, after his death, she lost both financial stability and the capital needed to continue her business. Currently, the household survives on small contributions from her children who do occasional piecework. This income is minimal and inconsistent, making it difficult to meet daily needs. The family typically eats only one meal a day, usually in the evening, and the children often depend on neighbours for additional food. Elizabeth also suffers from persistent leg pain, which limits her mobility and makes it difficult for her to move long distances, including attending church.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Elizabeth's greatest needs center around providing consistent food for her large household and ensuring access to warm clothing for the children, especially during the cold season. With no stable source of income and limited physical mobility, she requires ongoing support to meet basic needs. She also needs financial assistance to rebuild a livelihood, as well as support that can ease the burden of caring for a large family under vulnerable conditions.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

For a family that prioritizes food over all other expenses, the provision of warm clothing helped them greatly especially for the children during the cold season. The support also encouraged Elizabeth, reminding her that she is not alone in caring for her family despite the many challenges she faces.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

"We are thankful. May God bless those who have helped us so that they can continue helping us."

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Name

Margaret Mwewa

Age

79

Gender

female

Occupation

Unemployed, former informal trader (charcoal seller)

Family Size

7

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Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Margaret Mwewa is a 79-year-old widow who lives with six other family members, including two of her daughters. She has experienced significant loss, having lost five of her twelve children, while two of her remaining children live in the village without any source of income. One of her daughters previously operated a successful fritter business but became ill in 2019 and developed complications in her legs, leaving her unable to walk or continue working.

The household lives in a rented house, paying K950 per month. Margaret's last-born daughter dropped out of school to take on the responsibility of supporting the family through informal work. She now contributes toward rent and food, though her income is limited and inconsistent. As a result, the family typically survives on only one meal per day and occasionally depends on well-wishers when resources are insufficient. Margaret expressed concern that the burden placed on her young daughter has prevented her from pursuing her personal aspirations.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

Margaret's household urgently needs a stable and consistent source of income to meet essential expenses such as rent and food. The family requires support to ensure at least two meals per day, as well as access to warm clothing and proper footwear, especially for the younger members of the

household. Margaret also expressed a desire for capital to restart a small business, such as charcoal selling, which she previously managed and believes she can still operate despite her age.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Given their limited resources, clothing is not prioritized, as the family focuses on meeting basic food needs. Receiving these items helped reduce the burden on the household. Margaret also shared that being part of the church has been a source of support, as it is through this community that she has been able to receive such assistance.

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The Church of God World Missions in Ng'ombe operates within a highly vulnerable community and serves as both a spiritual and social support system for many low-income families, including the elderly, widows, and unemployed individuals. As part of a wider mission network with thousands of congregations across Africa, the church emphasizes outreach, discipleship, and community support initiatives such as feeding programs and social care Church of God World Missions. However, due to the high levels of poverty in Ng'ombe compound, the church faces significant challenges in

meeting the growing needs of its members, particularly in providing food assistance, basic necessities, and support for vulnerable households. Limited financial resources within the congregation mean that many members, who themselves struggle to meet daily needs, are unable to sustain consistent support systems, making external assistance important. Distributing clothes here to those most in need, helped to address immediate challenges such as lack of clothing.

Name

Samson Mbewe

Age

75

Gender

male

Occupation

Retired (former church elder)

Family Size

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What Are Their Living Conditions?

Samson Mbewe is a 75-year-old married man living in Ng'ombe Compound with his family of four. He resides in his own house, which he is grateful for, as it provides some level of stability compared to many others in the community. Previously, Samson served as a church elder, which was his main source of income. However, due to old age, he has since retired and no longer earns a regular income. Although he continues to assist with church activities when he is able, he is no longer financially stable.

The household depends on occasional support from their child, who provides small amounts of money for food when possible. Due to these limited resources, the family typically survives on only one meal per day, making it difficult to maintain a healthy and balanced diet.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Samson's primary need is consistent access to food and a balanced diet, which is essential given his age and health needs. With no stable income, the household struggles to meet daily nutritional requirements. In addition, he requires support with basic necessities such as clothing, as purchasing new clothes is not a priority compared to securing food. Overall, the household needs ongoing assistance to maintain a basic standard of living.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The donation of T-shirts and sweatshirts provided relief by meeting a basic but important need for warm clothing, especially for Samson and his wife as elderly individuals. The support reduced the burden of trying to find suitable clothing during the cold season. It also gave the family a sense of care and reassurance, knowing that they are supported despite their financial limitations.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“The struggle of finding warm clothes for my wife and I is now eased. We are old and we no longer feel the need to buy new clothes as we do not have money to spare. Thank you very much for what you have done.”