

ATTACHMENT J THE KULANI PROJECT

ORPHAN AND WIDOW CARE

Through our networking group, we had the privilege of meeting Pastor Obete of the Church of Jesus Christ Eloí in Xai-Xai, Mozambique. During our visit to his church, we witnessed his deep love for vulnerable children and his unwavering commitment to caring for children in need in his own community.



Pastor Obete leads a small congregation where he is greatly respected and loved. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, he serves voluntarily as Assistant Secretary of the Bairro (community secretary), helping to address social needs within his community. To provide for his family, he operates a small market stall selling basic necessities and supplements his income by doing clothing alterations and sewing school uniforms on an old sewing machine.

Together with his wife and six children, Pastor Obete has opened his home and heart to orphaned and vulnerable children for many years. His ministry began after a remarkable dream in 2001 in which he saw a young boy abandoned at his doorstep. Two years later, that dream became reality when circumstances led him to care for orphaned and abandoned children within his own family and community.

Remembering the dream and sensing God's calling, Pastor Obete responded in faith. What began with two children soon grew into a ministry reaching many more vulnerable children and widows in need. He named it the **Kulani Project**, a word meaning *growth*. His desire is not only to provide practical care but also to nurture children spiritually, guiding them to know God's love and purpose for their lives.

The Vision of the Kulani Project

The project seeks to:

- Provide vulnerable children with a safe and caring family environment.
- Support children with education through secondary school.
- Offer practical assistance to widows and grandparents caring for orphaned children.
- Share the hope of the Gospel and help children develop into responsible young adults.

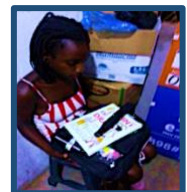
Children Currently Supported Through the Kulani Project

The project currently supports nine children from vulnerable households. Some have lost one or both parents, while others live with elderly grandparents or families facing severe economic hardship. Support goes not only to the individual child but to the whole family.



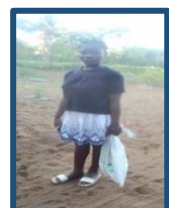
Nelio (Grade 7) Age: 12. Orphaned after losing both parents and now living with Pastor Obete's family.

Magrete (Grade 9) Age: 16. A young girl whose life was transformed after becoming involved with church and returning to school.



Elton (Grade 4) Age: 9. Lives with his visually impaired grandmother after losing his father's support.

Nilza (Grade 10) Age: 16. Hoping to continue her education despite significant financial challenges.

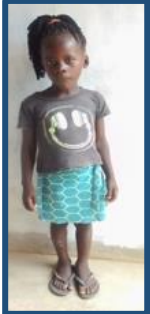


Nora (Grade 8) Age: 14. Lives in a household struggling with unemployment and poverty.



Atalia (Grade 8) Age:14. One of five children whose widowed mother is unable to afford school expenses.

Laura (Grade 10) Age 17. Dreams of becoming a lawyer but faces many obstacles following the loss of her father.



Rosineide (Grade 1) Age 6. and **Manuel (Grade 4)** – Children from a family experiencing severe overcrowding and financial hardship.
(Photographs and individual profiles of the children are included below.)

How We Are Helping

We continue to assist Pastor Obete with groceries for his household and stock for his small shop, helping him provide for his family while caring for vulnerable children in the community.

However, the needs remain far greater than our current resources. Educational expenses, school uniforms, transport, food, and support for widows and grandparents continue to place enormous pressure on these families.



How You Can Make a Difference

Together, we can help Pastor Obete continue being a father figure, mentor, and source of hope to children who desperately need love, stability, and opportunity.



Having personally visited Pastor Obete and spent time with these children, I was deeply moved by their gratitude, resilience, and joy despite the hardships they face. Being able to hug, encourage, and pray with them was a privilege I will never forget. Their smiles and renewed hope reminded me that even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact. We invite you to join us in making a difference by donating school supplies, clothing, food items, or through financial support.

As I stood among these children, listening to their stories and sharing in their hopes for the future. Despite the challenges they face every day, they continue to smile, dream, and trust God for a better tomorrow.

I left Xai-Xai with a renewed conviction that every child deserves love, opportunity, and hope. We invite you to join us in supporting Pastor Obete and the Kulani Project through prayer, donations of school supplies and clothing, or financial contributions.