

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE

BUCKETS, BUILDINGS AND BLESSINGS

We begin this first newsletter of 2021 with a huge THANK YOU to everyone who raised money for our bucket appeal. Most of our guardians came to this meeting and we had a wonderful time of sharing testimonies, hearing from God's Word, singing, praying, discussing Arise activities and fellowshiping over tea and buns. After our meeting we were able to bless each family with a bucket full of food items, hygiene essentials and some candles. God blessed us this year with a number of individuals and churches supporting this project. We were able to not only give each family a bucket full of blessings but also a sack of soya pieces. Our guardians were amazed to see how God was providing for their families. We challenged them to also bless their communities by sharing what they had and seeing how God continues to provide for their needs.



Guardians praising God at our big meeting



Gathering on the slab of the new Arise building



Ready to go home and share the buckets with their families

After our meeting we informed the guardians that Arise had been blessed with the finances for a purpose built Arise building. This would mean we could reopen all our programmes once the building was finished. We led the guardians behind Kapumpe School to the Arise site where the slab had been laid. The guardians were on the slab praising God, thanking Him for the building and praying for its completion.

The building work is due to take place during term 2. Hopefully we can spend term 3 painting and furnishing the building so that it is ready to be fully operational by January 2022.

Thank you to all of you who have raised money for this building project or are continuing to raise money for it. We are still raising funds for the furnishings – tables, chairs, shelves. We know that God has been faithful giving the vision for this project and funds for the building so we know that we can trust Him for everything we need for the inside. If you would be interested in helping us raise funds for the Arise building you can find out more information on our website: www.arisekapumpe.com/building-project.



Three truckloads of sand delivered so far



The Mufulira road is not easy for these trucks so we're glad it arrived



Materials on site – ready for the bricklayers to arrive



George, Cobey and Tryson with their new school jumpers

NEW UNIFORM

At the beginning of each year we have a time of giving out new uniform. Younger children receive the Kapumpe uniform and older children receive the Kaniki uniform.

As we have not been able to get the

Kapumpe fleeces from the UK this year we have been giving out some navy blue knitted jumpers. The pupils have been very happy to have these as we have begun to enter the cold season.

For our pupils beginning Grade 8 it has been their first time to collect a different school uniform. The boys have been very excited to wear trousers and the girls have felt very grown up wearing a shirt. The uniform for Kaniki Combined School is made by a local tailor who is very grateful for the business we are able to guarantee her each year. We now have a wonderful working relationship with her and she is happy to make adjustments to individual uniforms if necessary for the pupils. We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of those who sponsor a child through Arise. Your money helps to provide these uniforms for the pupils each year.



Victor and Moses now wearing Kaniki uniform

SATURDAY STUDY

If you have read our past newsletters you may remember that we used to have a study session for our Grade 10 - 12 pupils once a month. This was a great way to maintain contact with them, support them in their studies and have a time of discipleship. All the pupils loved having this time and access to the study aids, even asking to come at other times as well. We felt that we should also begin a session for our Grade 8 & 9 pupils to support and encourage them. It has been a challenge to keep them informed of dates, and often, even after they have heard,



Pupils in Grade 8 and 9 working hard at their first study session

they struggle to come on the right day. The ones who have remembered want us to have more study sessions and have really enjoyed coming. We hope to see their hard work reflected in excellent school reports each term.

MAIZE CROPS

Last year we had an appeal to raise money for some of our guardians who did not have the finances to buy seed and fertilizer for their maize field. Almost every family in Zambia has a field where they grow some maize as it is their staple food. The families we were able to help were not

expecting this support and were greatly blessed and highly motivated to work in their fields. These guardians have had an excellent crop this year with large cobs. Praise the Lord!



Ugi with her big maize crop harvested and safely at her house ready for preparing to take to the hammer mill when needed

FOOTBALL FANATICS

Football coaching has now been up and running for a full term and the boys have loved every minute! The beginning of the term was in the middle of the rainy season and the boys would come in the rain and play in the rain. When the pitch was waterlogged, they would come and discuss technique, evaluate performances from past matches and set personal goals in order to improve. It is a game well



loved in Zambia and for many of these boys, it's an opportunity to have fun, be with friends and do something that they enjoy.

Our coaches, Prosper and Progress continue to be encouraged by the boys' commitment and



Three footballs were given to the most disciplined and dedicated players at the end of term

enthusiasm. Throughout the sessions parallels are drawn between football and how to live as disciples of Christ. We love to share Jesus with these boys.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Planting sweet potatoes and beans at the beginning of the year

This year has been amazing for our Friday Farming and Discipleship programme! In the past we usually had 2 – 7 guardians come. This term we have been having between 10 and 20 each week. Hallelujah! We have been able to farm the land all the way to the far wall with maize, cabbage, sweet potatoes, beans, spinach, pumpkin leaves and onions. Many of the guardians attending are those who have been accepted into Arise this year; we have then seen them bring their neighbours who were already in Arise.

They plant together, harvest together, read God's word together and share the produce. It is a joy to see the body of Christ united in this way. Often as they are working they are sharing the challenges they face at home and advice is shared among the group. They also know that guardians who are not able to come to farming might be benefiting from the produce and they feel blessed to be part of this aid.



Harvesting the beans 3 months later

TESTIMONY TIME

Since we began the mat making scheme, using maize meal sacks and material sent from Denmark, some guardians have been consistently making mats for us to sell. They decided they wanted some of the profit for their own needs and some to be invested in another income-generating activity – salt selling. Now that enough has been raised, we will be buying a large sack of salt for these guardians to package in small bags and sell making a good profit. It is wonderful that the idea came from them and they have been determined to make it happen. We have also been really encouraged that these ladies have asked us to save their money until they really need it. What a great example they are being to the children they are looking after and providing for. Our prayer is that God continues to strengthen and bless them as they inspire others.



Dedicated mat makers: Judith, Beauty and Josephine receiving a pair of material scissors

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord that the Arise building is going to be built this term. Pray for the builders, for their protection and diligence on the project.
2. Pray for the guardians as they continue to learn from God's word, that they will be role models to their children and share about Jesus with others.
3. Thank God for all the pupils we are able to support with education. Pray for the Arise staff to have wisdom as they support and encourage them.
4. Pray for the funds to come in for a much needed new Arise vehicle.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 10th May 2021 to begin Term 2. The Arise Orphan Project continues to run all year round.

Thank you for reading our update on the work of Arise. If you have any questions or would like to further support us in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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