

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE



Some of the guardians wearing their new chitengi to help celebrate the opening of the Arise block

A NEW ERA FOR ARISE

Hallelujah! What a wonderful term 2 we have had with the use of our Arise block. All the guardians and pupils have loved coming and having their own space for all the activities as well as new activities. No longer are we trying to squeeze into a school classroom or share the Kapumpe equipment when they are not using it. Our staff have had all the resources in the office to hand in order to help our members as well as all the family files to check and keep updated. The guardians have really taken ownership of the building by coming early to meetings to help clean and deciding they wanted to varnish the veranda floor so their building looked smart. With so many more things possible we are excited to see how Arise develops over the coming years.

WINTER VISITS

During the months of May to July it is winter here in Zambia and for us, the winter temperatures of 8-17°C are very cold! Some generous donations of hats and scarves were sent to us for distribution which we took on visits this year. It was so wonderful to see the children's smiles when these unexpected gifts appeared. Most of the time, the blessings we bring are essential items like soap, oil and salt which are given to the guardian. So you can imagine the children's surprise and delight when we said we had something for them. The hats were then proudly worn to school each morning in what felt like freezing temperatures. We have also been able to give out some blankets once again so we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has been supporting the work of Arise this year.



Clement and Elijah loved receiving woolly hats to help keep them warm this winter

DUSTY FOOTBALL

The pitch is now very dry, very hard and very dusty. Not ideal conditions for training and tackling but the cool temperatures are appreciated by the players.

There has been a good number showing up for training each week 22-45 boys ranging from Grade 3 to Grade 10. They are often split into ability groups to run drills and some of the younger players are practicing with the Grade 10's! We have some very talented players in Arise.

Unfortunately, for different reasons, the other local boys' teams are not training anymore and therefore we have not been able to play any matches this term. We are trying to find out where there is a team also looking for match practice.



Developing skills and having fun



ARISE KIDS

After a very long break we were able to start club again for our Grade 3-7 pupils. Now that we have our Arise block we have been able to change things a little and it has made club much better for everyone.



Putting glitter on the memory verse about Heaven

Now that we have a teaching room with desk space as well as space for activities we have been able to combine reading and writing based on God's Word with Bible stories and activities really

easily. Having a classroom environment rather than an outside space also helps the children to focus and realise that they are learning and this is important just like school is important.

We have been able to split the kids club into two groups according to when they finish school and this also means each group is smaller.



Grade 5-7 boys working together to make words with letters

The Grade 3 & 4's have been working on practicing writing a letter neatly and clearly each week. The letter of the day has represented a character or object in a Bible story which we

have then acted out and learnt an associated memory verse.

Grade 5-7 have been learning about who God is, how to pray and the message of the gospel. They first of all have some food and drink after finishing school and while the younger grades finish at Arise then it is their turn! It is quite different from school

so they come in eager to find out what activity, challenge or competition they are going to do. Following this we look together at a Bible passage which helps the children not only with their reading

but also familiarizing themselves with the Bible as they each have one to hold and read from. Praise the Lord for the freedom we have to study the Bible.



Making gospel bracelets with different colour beads

ARISE YOUTH

We have continued our Saturday Study programme with the youth and they are also delighted to have their own area including a display board which has photographs of them on. On Saturdays they come to study from school text books and it's wonderful to see them helping each other and realising that they are all good at different things. After this we have a break time with food, drink and yes... football! The girls and boys like to have separate competitions but they do all get along well.



Grade 8 & 9 love to play games and do activities when they come to Saturday Studies

After the break we have a discipleship time. This is usually based on what the young people have shared they are struggling with during the month. We look at a Bible passage to find out what God says about it and discuss how we can apply God's principles to our lives to live more like Jesus. Some practical activities usually help us with this and help the young people remember what we discuss. Now that we have our purpose built Arise teaching room we have been able to open it up as a study space on two afternoons a week. Any of our secondary pupils who want to use this space for study, research or homework can now do so on a Monday and Friday. Some pupils come to Arise before going home to do chores. They have all commented that it's helpful to have this space.



Reading and discussing the Bible together



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Busy watering vegetables before the next maize crop needs to be planted

There has once again been a dramatic change in the weather this term as the rains finished in April. Initially things remained green although now everywhere looks brown. Our maize dried out and we were able to harvest seven 50kg bags (which is 2 bags more than last year) to help our guardians once their maize has finished. We are now using the larger area we cleared for more vegetables. Some of our guardians are also coming mid-week to do piecework of watering the field. Praise the Lord for the water supply that we have. Lister and Agnes work hard with the guardians encouraging them with God's word and reminding them to apply the farming principles they are learning at their own houses.

TESTIMONY TIME

A few years ago we wrote in our newsletter about Paul and Rosemary, grandparents and guardians of Given and Mwenda. We shared how hard working they are and how they had begun a vegetable patch next to their house after attending the Friday Farming at Arise. Over the past few years they have been able to maintain their garden area, have vegetables for their own consumption and enough to sell in Chifubu market. They have a number of beds with onion, rape, beans and Chinese lettuce. They have learnt to rotate the crop they plant in each bed and to plant in stages so that they are able to harvest a little of each crop at a time. Both of the boys are now learning lots at home as well as at school. Not only are they learning about planting, weeding and harvesting but also about storing and selling crops so that they can have food, work and independence. They are a great example to other families in Arise.



Left to right: Rosemary, Mwenda – Grade 5, Given – Grade 6 and Paul at their garden next to their house in Kaniki

Prayer Points

1. Please pray for our grade 7, 9 and 12 pupils who will have their government exams in November and December.
2. Praise the Lord for the guardians and pupils who are coming to hear God's word at Arise each week. Pray that their lives will be transformed by the love of Christ and that they have the courage to share about Jesus with others.
3. Pray for rains to start on time as guardians prepare their fields for a new crop in October – November.
4. Continue to pray for the Arise team to have wisdom to know who to help and how so that the guardians are empowered.

Schools open for term 3 on Monday 5th September 2022 and close the year on Friday 2nd December 2022.

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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