

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE



Visiting Zambia Technical University including a tour of their e-learning rooms and cyber hub

UNIVERSITY MOTIVATION

A new year and new leadership team has meant we've tried some new ideas at Arise. We wanted to encourage the pupils who had been attending school regularly and also try to motivate them to stay in school and keep working hard. We realised that our children didn't know anything about life beyond school; what opportunities there are or what they look like. This prompted us to arrange a trip to some local universities and colleges including Northrise University, Evangelical University, Zambia Technical College and a mechanics workshop. The young people had huge smiles on their faces and wide eyes as they were trying to taking in all the future possibilities. One girls comment was 'I can't wait to do my exams now, I'm so excited!' Hopefully we can help many of them achieve their new ambitions of going to college or university.

BUSINESS MOTIVATION

As well as motivating the pupils we are aware that we also need to motivate the guardians to keep learning and work hard to support their family. We are aware that many of them want to do some business to help them feel positive and be independent but there is very little opportunity for work in Kaniki and most of our guardians did not do many grades of schooling.

We took the 20 guardians who have shown commitment to Arise on a trip to see some other business groups that were operated by others in similar life positions to them. Some groups kept chickens, others did fish farming or craft making. All our guardians were inspired to learn more skills, work together and save money in order to help their families. We are exciting to see this enthusiasm continue.



Visiting a business group in Kawama where they make jewellery, baskets, bags and pots



Coach
Prosper

Coach
Progress

Prize winners left to right: Nicholas, Torbin, Victor, Clement and John

FOOTBALL MOTIVATION

Our football numbers are back up with 20 – 40 young people coming to play football each week. We have had more matches this term and I'm delighted to report that most of our results have been wins. Wahoo! Apparently we are the team to beat in the local area and other teams want coaching tips from us due to the discipline and resilience our young player show. Praise the Lord that He is being glorified in the community through our football team. To help motivate the boys we are now selecting 5 players at the end of each term to be awarded a football shirt. We always announce the reason for that player selected so the other boys are motivated to show that skill and commitment in the next term.



ARISE KIDS

This is the club you don't want to miss! High energy, lots of learning, packed with activities, crafts and yes food. We are aware that some of the children might not have food at home or maybe just have one meal a day. So after a long day of school we give them a peanut butter sandwich and there is



The pupils are always proud of the crafts they take home

leftovers to be eaten at the end. After their food it seems to be a race to be first in the room. How wonderful that they still have so much energy and want to come to Arise club to

learn more about Jesus. Hallelujah!

This term we have been learning about King Saul, King David then King Jesus leading up to Easter. We were also learning some of the parables Jesus taught which provided the perfect opportunity for a number of practicals which will help them in their sciences lessons to do with plants, seeds and



Grades 3 & 4 working together to solve a plants challenge

yeast. One of the fabulous things about kids club is that the children can mix with pupils who are not in their class or who live in a different part of the community. Social skills are

very important for these children to learn and especially attitudes and behaviours that are Christ like. Often their natural instincts tell them to think only of themselves, a mentality you can understand with the living conditions they are in.

We love having fun with the kids at these clubs, the Grade 3-4 one first (after they have finished school)



It's extra special when we need the hall space for our activity

then the Grade 5-7 pupils come when they are sent home from school. All ages want to dress up to help tell the Bible story, guess words to try to read the memory verse, take part in activities and

make crafts. Praise the Lord for His provision of space and resources to run this club where the children can have fun and come to know Jesus.

ARISE YOUTH

We began our year with lots of opportunities for our young people to learn and grow. On Saturdays our older youth have been leaning about 'How to live a life that pleases God' and our younger youth have been learning 'Lessons from the Bible'. We study the Bible after personal academic study time and some food and games. On a few occasions we have had all the youth, no school study, new games, beads, puzzles and extra food. They definitely know they are loved and special at Arise.



Nissi explaining how to play the game 'Twister' to our young people who were excited to see a new game

Monday and Friday have continued to have a good number of pupils coming for study space. It has been really impressive to see so many our new Grade 8's taking school seriously and regularly coming for studies. Two afternoons a week we have also engaged one of the Kapupme teachers to tutor the Grade 9 pupils as this is a crucial exam year for them and often the time when we see a number drop out of school.

Not only have these study times allowed the pupils a safe, quiet space to come and work but it has meant that we have been able to have more contact with these pupils, checking how their home life is, if they are attending school and support them with food, clothes, advice or prayer. Whatever their struggle, they know they can share with us.



Grades 8-12 coming for a space to study twice a week



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Learning about how to protect the soil with a practical from Chama in our teaching session

It has been a joy to see a larger number of guardians consistently coming to Friday farming. We know they also have a field space of their own and long for them to be able to a better job with the tools and resources they have. Although we have been teaching 'Foundations for Farming' methods in our field, many guardians struggle to apply this at their home. We decided to have a farming education day where we brought in one of the Foundations for Farming teachers, Chama, who began with the foundation that God made the world and asked us to be stewards of it. As they learnt about how the soil, rain and plants work so they saw God's perfect plan and purpose for everything. The guardians were clearly having fun, wanting to learn more and eager to apply new techniques at their homes.

TESTIMONY TIME

The rainy season is just now coming to an end in Zambia. We have been blessed with a lot of rain the year and people's fields look well with tall maize and dark soil. The rain does however cause the grass to grow very tall which is an ideal place for snakes to hide. We have seen a number of them on site this year but praise the Lord, no one has been hurt.

How wonderful that some of our boys asked if they could slash our grass for piecework money, a very honourable way to make money and a great example to the other young people who don't like working hard. We did warn the boys to be cautious as there have been snakes seen on site. They were not discouraged by this but perhaps a little nervous. After they had finished one was apparently rather jumpy in case anything long was a snake, the other boy took courage in the Lord and as he slashed was saying 'Trust God, Trust God...' Praise the Lord they only saw one heading away from them.



Victor and Moses – two of our Grade 10 boys slashing the Arise field

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and protection. Thank God for the good maize crops we will be able to harvest later this year.
2. Please pray for our children to continue to study hard, keep listening to God's word and living like Jesus. There is a lot of peer pressure to do wrong things.
3. Pray for our guardians to continue to be excited and interested in learning themselves that they might become excellent role models for the children they look after.
4. Praise the Lord for Nissi Chama our new coordinator, please pray she gets to know the families quickly.

School opens for term 1 on Monday 8th May 2023 and closes on Friday 4th August 2023.

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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