

# Arise Orphan Project

*Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.*



*Arise staff: Lister, Agnes and Naomi*

## A NEW YEAR

Praise the Lord for His new mercies every morning! As we have begun this New Year there have been many challenges, including new people wanting to be in Arise and situations changing for many of our families. God has given us both grace and wisdom in our conversations and we give Him the glory for renewing our strength day by day. The community around Kaniki is one that is open to hearing the gospel and in need of the gospel. We thank God for the opportunity we have as Arise to show His love and share His word so freely. Our hope and prayer this year, is that all of our guardians and children will see God's boundless love for them and grow in their personal relationship with Him.

## VISITS

After a late rainy season it has been a joy to see our member's houses still standing strong. Arise helped this family to re-roof their house last year, they were delighted to tell us they had no leaks.



*On visits after the rains*



*Offering piecework to guardians*

## GUARDIANS

Many of our elderly guardians struggle to find any kind of work due to their age. It is a blessing that we are able to offer some piecework at times under the supervision of our groundsman, John.

## REAPING A HARVEST

Investment in people is never wasted and this is very evident with our groundsman John. He has been working with us since we moved to our new site in 2014. Over the years he has not only sought and listened to advice but also put into action what he has learned. During 2016, we offered our guardians training in 'Foundations for Farming', a method of cultivating the land based on biblical principles. John was eager to be included in this and worked closely with the trainer to learn as much as he could. In 2017 John was the one training our guardians while tending to the Arise farming plot as the training ground. John has taught our guardians well and our crops have surpassed many others.

When the trainers for 'Foundations for Farming' came to visit earlier this year they were very impressed with the way John had implemented what he'd learned and managed to train others. They asked if we could release John for day to go and talk with others they were training about how he managed to apply these skills. John has been greatly encouraged and enthused in his work as a result of this opportunity.



*The Amazing John among the kandolo (sweet potato)*



## SCHOOL

We are very proud of the many students who returned to school this year as we know not everyone does. A recent report came out in Zambia stating that government research showed not all teachers in Zambia were able to read and write. Although on one level this is shocking news, it makes it easier to see why so many of our pupils struggling at school.

Kapumpe Christian Primary School is a local community school set up and run by Arise. Currently it caters for pre-school to grade 6.



*Jevan wearing the new uniform for Grade 10–12 at Kaniki Primary*

We will continue to do all we can to support other local schools with Grades 1-9. It is wonderful to hear that the local government school has added a secondary classes and although the standards are yet to be seen, it means that many local children will have to opportunity to complete their schooling which ends at Grade 12.

## COLLEGE

Our older students are enrolled in a wide range of programmes across different towns. It is not always easy to communicate with them during the year so we rely heavily on them coming to visit the office when they are available.

At the end of April we had a visit from Matthews, who has been studying Electrical Engineering, to say he has completed his course and passed. What a great example he is to the rest of his family!

Another student, Cacious, has visited to tell us he was nominated to be president of the association, for all those in Zambia studying his course – Programmes and Operations Management. These pupils are spread over three institutions but Cacious is taking the position seriously and including everyone.



*Matthews is now a qualified electrician*

## MICROLOANS



*Our guardians are keen to support their own families*

We are so happy to see our guardians keen to develop their own business to support their families. There were some challenges our first group faced and we are trying to learn from these before we begin our second group.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Thursday afternoon fellowship continues to be popular with pupils who are not in school at that time. Some pupils go home to change after school before coming which means they miss some of activities however arriving late deters a Zambian!



*Craft time at Youth*



*Quiz time at Youth*



*Games at Youth*

This term we have had approximately 40 pupils each week. They have come eager to hear God's word and learn new verses from the Bible. We have been teaching about the patriarchs this term as well as The Easter Story. Many of our children think they know what the bible says but find it hard to apply it to their lives. Some have also been taught messages about Christianity which are not true. It has been wonderful to share with them this term why God sent His Son, Jesus to die for their sins – because He loves them! We know that many of our youth go home and share what they've learned with friends and family.





## FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



*Tryness with a sack of beans*



*Bridget with a bucket of vegetables*

John, Lister and a team of guardians work hard every week to tend to our farming plot. They have been diligent in their work and our healthy crops are being noticed by others. We have been receiving enquiries for sales of our crops. At the present time, the food grown here is for the members of Arise however if there is a demand for our healthy crop then we are happy to consider expanding our portion – keeping some food and selling the rest.

Whenever the guardians come they are always keen to hear from God's word, pray together and share testimonies. We hope to see more guardians coming to help with farming and attending discipleship during the year.

## TESTIMONY

Vincent is a very special member of Arise. Although he is unable to see he does not let that stop him living life to the full. He is our most faithful member at discipleship. On weeks there has only been one or two, Vincent has been there. Recently Vincent's brother passed away so Vincent travelled for the funeral. While he was away his house was broken into yet he was not bitter or angry when he found out on his return. Vincent knows that God is loving, provides for him and protects him. Vincent could be found continuing to praise God, cleaning the church he lives behind, and living everyday we joy and peace in his heart. What an amazing testimony to his neighbours; man can take anything from you in this world, things can fade and fail but God never changes and no one can take the love of God away from you. Hallelujah!



*Vincent at his home in Kamalasha behind the Evangelical Church*

### Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for his provision and blessing on Arise, especially for our farming project.
2. Thank God for all the pupils we are able to provide education for, pray for them to be inquisitive, committed and seek the truth in lessons.
3. Continue to pray for our guardians, that God would fill them with His joy and strengthen them through this coming harvest season.
4. Pray for all those involved with the work of Arise: staff, members and supporters that we continue to be aware of God's love for us and prompting to share that with others.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 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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