Term 2, 2024 VISION: A unified community where people rise to their God given potential.

# **Arise Orphan Project**

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.















Joyce



Golden

Anderson

Marlon

Samuel

Chisenga

# WINTER WOOLLIES IN ZAMBIA

Term 2 is when we face the cold season in Zambia and although there is no snow or ice here it can certainly feel freezing. Not only in the mornings and evening but during the daytime many people like to wear a woolly hat, which we refer to as a head-sock. Many people in the UK have spent a long time knitting warm, beautiful hats for all our children in the project. This year we were able to give every Arise child, from pre-school to grade 12 a hat to help them keep warm this cold season. Not only did they love the colours and feeling warm but they felt so special being given something new that was just for them. We are so grateful to each person who knitted a hat or supplied the wool, you have been a special blessing to our children in Zambia.



Judith and Rosemary modelling the scarves they have knitted for the Arise project

# **KNITTING BUSINESS**

A suggestion was made that we try to help our guardians start a knitting business as some already having knitting skills and it is work that doesn't require many resources. On Tuesday's before learning phonics guardians have been coming to knit together and teach others who don't know how to knit. We have been working on scarves and now have some in every colour. We are hoping to sell some here but also make some available for people in other countries to purchase as a way of supporting the work of Arise.

# **FOOTBALL – THE FAVOURITE SPORT**

With the number of children coming to football club it is very difficult for all of them to get a lot of match playing time, so we decided to have our own tournament. The excitement for it was building as we got near the end of term and on the first day of the holidays we held an Arise tournament with mixed teams. Every girl and boy had the opportunity to play in a number of matches and two teams even had the thrill of kicking in a penalty shootout. The children all loved the day even though it was hard work at the beginning cleaning the termite



'Players of the tournament' with the winning team

mounds and filling the large holes on the pitch so it was safe to play. The coaches saw the players perform at another level compared to football practice proving the necessity of match experience. The following day the Arise teams (younger and older) had matches locally and they both won their games. YES!



It came down to a penalty shootout to decide 3rd and 4th place

#### **ARISE KIDS**

Everyone has settled into their Arise Kids Club groups so this term we decided to add some new things to the programme. We brought an exciting new reward well actually two for each group – best boy and best girl. The only problem was that it was too difficult to choose one as the children are so



Activities help the children learn new games and understand the message of the Bible passage

great when they come to club. We decided that we could have two best boys and girls in each group. This has been a great way to reward those children who are always excellent

examples to others but has also motivated those who are more reserved to try and join in more with group work and answering questions. Knowing that they struggle for things at home and have very few if any possessions, we have a prize box with many stationery items and basic toys. The balls are always the first items to be chosen.



This term we have gone back to the beginning of the Bible and learned about God's love for people through creation and His promise of

We made people!

salvation and redemption as we continued through Genesis. Instead of doing lots of acting this term the children having been looking at big pictures that tell the stories and we know that they are avidly engaged by the number of children that want to ask and answer questions. What a privilege we have to share God's word with these young people as they shape their beliefs and identity for their lives.



Food is often a favourite moment for children

lives. Anther change this term has been to give them some food at the end as well as at the beginning. Some of the children walk for

approximately 2 hours to get home, not only do they need the energy to walk home but for many families food is their greatest challenge. There may not be any food for these children at home. Praise the Lord we are in a position where we can feed these children physically and spiritually. We are also delighted to hear from parents that they retell the Bible stories when they get home.

# ARISE YOUTH



Monday and Friday study sessions have continued to be well attended this term by our secondary school pupils. They enjoy the freedom of being able to study what they are interested in or what they feel they are struggling with.



Billy and Emmanuel enjoying their new head-socks while doing school studies at Arise

Some pupils have received mid-term awards of calculators and maths sets for their regular attendance and effort in school. We are hoping to motivate them to stay in school, try their best in their studies and have the resources they need to achieve their goals.

Joyce and Mable with new maths sets. two of our fantastic Grade 11 role models



We are continuing '*The Journey of Life*' book based on Pilgrim's Progress and it is wonderful to see the children relating the events and characters in the book to people in their own lives and asking questions to help them know how God wants them to live. During the teenage years there are many voices

competing for attention and it is so important that we help these young people to hear God's voice and understand what He is wanting to tell them as advice growing for living in and world. this Praise the Lord we are able to love and support these teenagers.



Painting cups – it's always a great day when they see the paints out



Lister and Agnes cook lunch once a month after Saturday Discipleship



Five years rape is a wonderful vegetable! We pick the leaves nearly every week and it continues to produce more

### **TESTIMONY TIME**

Paul and Rosemary are a couple of our hardest working grandparents. They put every effort into all that they do and are very concerned that their grandsons work hard on their education so they can achieve their potential. Paul and Rosemary have taught their grandsons not only how to plant and maintain crops but also how to protect them from various types of attack. As you can see from the pictures the fence they have made is very strong. When we visited we were also told that they heard some noise a few nights ago and a snake had gotten into the chicken shelter! Mwenda, the youngest of the boys at 13 years, bravely went in with a hoe and killed the snake before they lost all the chickens. Praise the Lord for His protection and the energy He has given these grandparents. Unlike many others, Paul and Rosemary pay close attention to the boys academic performance and encourage study time above chores. Their two boys are both performing very well in school.

#### **Prayer Points**

- Please pray for all our pupils in Grades 7, 9 and 12 as they prepare to sit government exams at the end of next term
- 2. Praise the Lord for sustaining us through term 2 with all the resources that we needed to help our families and the children.
- Thank God for healing and protection during the cold season. Many people were not well at different times but God has faithfully answered prayers.
- 4. Pray for the staff to have wisdom how to best support all those in the project and as we make decision of who to add in January 2025.

# FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



This term we have been focusing on planting vegetables as many people had a couple of bags of maize at home but were struggling to find money for veg. Due to lack of rain the cost of veg has increased but with our solar powered water tower we are able to have water every day for the field. We have grown onions, spring onions, five years rape, beans leaves and bondwe, a local green leaf vegetable. The guardians have just planted out some cabbage seedlings they grew from seed and will enjoy eating the fruit of that labour next term. We are now seeing 25 - 45 guardians each week which is not only helping them with practical items for home but also encouraging us. They are keen to grow in their faith in Jesus, spend time in praise and worship and receive parenting advice.



One homemade veg shelter to protect against chickens

The Chinese lettuce growing very well in the protected veg patch



School opens for term 3 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and closes on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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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