

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



Mwenda fixing the roof

the home to continue to function. We see very young children helping to sweep and wash dishes but once children reach about 7 years old they begin to take on much more. Fetching water, looking for wild flowers to pick for vegetables, washing and

Often we write a lot about our guardians and how they are managing at home as well as continuing to learn and grow as parents. We hope that in this newsletter we can give you a glimpse into more of our children's lives outside of school. All of the children in the Kaniki community help their family each day. Partly this is because it gives them activities to do but also they see from a very young age that many people are needed to enable

cooking. Two of our Grade 4 boys are pictured on the right, working hard to help their family. The routine is usually: get home, get changed, possibly eat something, do



Torbin fixing the bicycle

homework, do house jobs then eat. Many families only eat once, at the end of the day. Two of our youth boys you can see on the left doing some jobs that require a little more knowledge and skill. It's wonderful to see our children being so helpful to their guardians and not giving up until the job is done.



Elijah sweeping outside the house with a local broom – a short bundle of dry grass tied together.



Christopher cooking nshima

FOOTBALL FUN

As we come to the end of another year it is great to see how the Arise football team has grown, especially in the numbers of girls and how they have maintained their good reputation of discipline and skill on the pitch. They have not won every game this term but have had a lot of fun and enjoyed the challenge of competition with teams older than themselves and in leagues.



New kit brought over from Kenilworth

We are so pleased that these young people want to come to football club. They are choosing to spend their time learning about God, developing physical skills, becoming a team player and becoming prepared for the challenges of life.



Enjoying training on good grass

ARISE KIDS

We have had another fantastic term at Arise Kids Club. The children have faithfully continued to come even though at the end of term the rains started to come. Rather than running home when they saw the black clouds at the end of the school day, they stayed for club and often the rain would be nearly finished by the time they were ready to go home.



Liz helping the children to cut and write their memory verse to take home

Christmas is an important one to hear and learn all year round – God loved the world so much that He sent His son to earth, to grow and live as a human and then die to take the punishment for the sin of all mankind. The children were feeling very confident to tell others the story during the holidays.



Brian showing us he is the fastest boy – even though he is only in Grade 5

as they were hearing something for the first time. They have come to understand that God isn't looking for perfect people to use for His work but people who love Him and want to do His will. When they are afraid they have been reminded that God is always with them and will help them overcome. He is also a God who works things for our good. Often in these children's lives there are things that are not good and they wonder why God lets these things happen. Now they are beginning to

Prior to this we had been looking at the life of Moses. Some parts of the story were familiar to the children and at other times you could see their eyes wide open

understand that God has a plan for everything, even if they can't see it at the moment. Let's pray that they remember God is with



Making Christmas decorations with our memory verses

them and for them even in the difficult and uncertain times of life.

ARISE YOUTH



All the youth are relieved to get to the end of the year. They have worked hard and are both ready for a break and to move on to the next grade. For our new Grade 8's this year, secondary school has been a bit of a shock as they discovered that not all schools have lots of text books and resources like Kapumpe does. They have needed



Learning about living things from Miss Lenton

to ask each other for help and read lots when they come to Arise for study sessions. Praise the Lord that we have text books here for the pupils to learn from. When Miss Lenton came to visit the youth were so grateful to have someone explain things to them and take the time to try to help them understand.



Using acrylic paint pens to make creation decorations

At Saturday youth we have been going through the story of creation and

discovering that we are God's masterpieces, made in His image and made for a purpose. The young people have really enjoyed being able to ask questions about how the world was made and discovering that there is scientific evidence that proves the Biblical account of creation is true. We hope that they share what they now know with their friends and family so that more people in Kaniki will be amazed by and in awe of God the creator.



Moses, Joyce and Victor at their final Arise study session

For our first pupils in Kapumpe their school journey is now at an end. We are so proud of the young men and women they have become. They are applying to do a six month course with YWAM later this year and hope to go to college in 2027. In the mean time they have said that they would like to come to help at Arise and Kapumpe, to give something back to the project and gain some experience of the world of work. We are delighted to have them around as role models a little longer and hope many young people learn from them.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Working together to prepare the hard ground for planting maize now it's rainy season

TESTIMONY TIME

Can you see from the smiles on these boys' faces... they are feeling very proud of themselves. Kaniki Combined School has now started giving out certificates in the end of year assembly and we are so proud that two of our Arise boys were up there as role models to the rest of the school as well as their friends in Arise. The boys did not know about the certificates so when their names were called they didn't even get up because they didn't think it was them, until they were told, 'That's you!' Later that day they couldn't wait to get to the Arise office to share their achievements with us. We wanted to show them how proud we were of them so we let them choose a new item of clothing from our clothes bank. Daniel chose a very smart shirt from Denmark and Torbin chose a pair of very strong trousers from the UK.

A huge thank you to all of you who have sent us things to give out where we see need or to use as motivational prizes. All the other youth desperately wanted to choose something so the challenge was laid – you can if you have a certificate next year. Praise the Lord for His provision!

Our field is now looking very green as the maize shoots have started to appear, as expected so have the weeds. Most of the guardians are working on weeding at our field as well as their fields at home. We have cultivated some land by the wall on the other side of the road so we still have some veg growing that can be harvested each week.

After Friday Farming the guardians have been going through the parenting course. We have a number of new guardians and noticed that although we ran the programme last year, not much was changing in families and at homes. Hopefully this year, as guardians better understand how to love, lead and discipline like Jesus we can see change in families that enable them to flourish.



*Daniel Mumba
Best Grade 9 results*

*Torbin Miracle
Most punctual in 9C*

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the rains that have started and seem to be much better than last year.
2. Pray for the pupils and staff as they are on holiday that God will protect them and give them an eagerness to return; hungry to learn and serve in 2026.
3. Please pray for all of the crops planted both here and at the guardians' homes. Pray that they will grow well and will not be eaten by animals or stolen, so that people have enough food next year.
4. Thank God for way he is helping the Arise children to grow well as followers of Jesus. Please pray that our children wouldn't be led astray by others in the community.

School opens for term 1 on Monday 12th January 2026 and closes on Friday 10th April 2026.

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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