Term 2, 2026

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Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.

ARISE





FAMILY DAY

On Saturday 1st August we held a family day which we have done for the past few years. Each year it has a different focus and this year we were thinking about being together as a family, to learn from each other and for children to know how to live by following their parents. We emphasised the importance of the guardians living in Christ-like ways so that the children in their home would know how to tackle each situation in a God honouring way. We had races, team challenges, food, a time of praise and testimony, Bible story and prizes. It was wonderful to see our families working alongside each other and for each other as they earned points. Some of the children did not think the guardians would manage the races and some of the guardians were amazed at the children's acting skills. What a wonderful day building relationships and having fun.





Above: Leaning how to use a hoe more effectively and how to get maximum yield from a field.

Below: Layering up the different types of vegetation and natural waste for the best compost.

DAWN TRUST TRIP

For 20 of our guardians who have been faithfully attending the Arise programme and putting into practice many things they learn, we took them on a trip this term. We visited Dawn Trust about an hour away where they teach 'Foundations for Farming'. This is the material we have been teaching our guardians so that they are honouring God with the land and learn how He is at work in the land for our good. The guardians all had a lot of fun – some getting very dirty! They learned how to make compost which can be used as fertilizer (the most expensive element of farming) if they have access to water. Also how to prepare fields for different crops such as maize, soya, nuts and potatoes. Zero tillage was a skill they learned so that they can easily make a productive kitchen garden and grow leafy greens. Hopefully we will see these newly acquired skills in action when we do visits.

FOOTBALL STADIUM

Zambia's ladies team were playing in our local stadium this term and the coaches asked if they could take 6 girls to inspire them. Having never been to the stadium let alone seen their heroes play, this was a really special day for them. Zambia won and the girls were even keener to develop their skills at training.



'The best day ever!'

ARISE KIDS

We have had a very different term 2 at Kids Club this year due to one of the new curriculum changes being longer days. This has meant the Grade 3 and 4 pupils have been finishing school at the same time as the Grade 5,6 and 7's, so… we have all been together for Kids Club. It's been a bit of a squeeze with 60 active children in the teaching room but we have had a great time! The younger children need the help of the older ones and the older pupils love the extra responsibilities they are given.



Running back to tell their team what was behind the cloth before they forgot some of the things

Team games have been interesting having about 10 teams competing each week but it adds to the excitement.

We have continued looking at the Ten Commandments after revisiting The Easter Story. What a joy to find by the end of term they could remember all ten and nearly all in the correct order. It's been fantastic to see how all the pupils have been getting along like a family and the younger ones have definitely grown in confidence when it comes to acting having been cast alongside the older pupils who are like pros.



Can you guess what story we used to teach commandment no. 6? They were sticking wool on for a sheep and drawing vegetables.

The children have shown great memories when it comes to the facts of the Bible stories as well as the memory verses each week. Hopefully these verses will continue to be recited in their head and heart many times as the Holy Spirit prompts them. We have been looking out for 'best boys' and 'best girls' each week to highlight as a good role model and award a prize. This term the prize box not only had stationery items but also balls and scarves! Great motivation for pupils to follow instructions and listen well.



Richard proudly showing his ball prize for being Best Boy

ARISE YOUTH

Our youth have been working hard at school this term and coming to Monday and Friday study sessions as well. We have had about 30 pupils on each of these days coming straight from school to do an hour of personal study. Super effort!

Most of them have been attending all the Saturday Youth sessions where we have been continuing to look at Jesus' parables. The young people really enjoy the time to play games (especially football and cards) make crafts, learn about the Bible in new ways. It's great to be able to ask them, *'Who is this character representing?'* and for them to be thinking for themselves about what Jesus was trying to convey. We are in no doubt they know what it means to be a Christian and follow God's word. They are great at looking out for each other and saying, 'You shouldn't do this,' to try to help each other stay on the straight and narrow. Keep praying for them to be prepared to stand up for what's right as many have friends who are not Christians and live very different lifestyles.



Trying to order the parts of a parable – can we remember it?



Enjoying praise and worship Bemba style!

ARISE FURTHER EDUCATION

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped us raise funds for our 4 school leavers to do the YWAM Discipleship Training School for 6 months. They began in July and although nervous of everything being new they were so excited. They have already been sharing the gospel with local people in Mukushi and learning many things about themselves along the way.



Joyce and Victor ready to try some high ropes adventure for the first time



Cold season is also very dry so we are now watering beds with cabbage seedlings and covering them to stop them drying out

FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

The cold season is always a busy season in the fields in Zambia. Initially there is maize to harvest once it has dried after the rains. Then it needs to be 'shelled' removed from the cobs so it can be taken to the hammer mill and ground into 'mealie meal'. The stalks then need to be cleared if the field is going to be used for a different crop before planting maize again. One of the advantages of this is letting the soil recover while keeping all the microorganisms alive. New seedlings are planted; we currently have onions, spring onions, cabbage, carrots, Chinese lettuce, rape, impwa and pumpkin leaves. The challenge then is keeping everything alive with watering and protecting the soil during the hot season. The guardians are feeling optimistic and everyone is ready to come and do extra watering. Praise the Lord!

TESTIMONY TIME

For the past two years Bridget has received our awards for the most dedicated Arise guardian. She has been coming to discipleship, phonics, farming, knitting and the parenting course. Anything Arise offers, she wants to join in. Some years ago Bridget had a number of health problems, she could hardly walk, let alone attend Arise. We continued visiting her, sharing God's word, praying with her and helping her as she struggled to raise the children in her home. Bridget is incredibly grateful to Arise and we are so blessed to have her as an example to other guardians. With the money she received from knitting she has bought a selection of dry goods and put into small packets so people in her community can afford them. When she is not at home she puts the goods inside her house. When the children get home they also help with selling items. How wonderful to see her becoming independent and being a fantastic role model for her children in so many aspects of life.

Bridget Chilufya

Our most dedicated guardian who has used some of the money she's made for starting a small shop in the corner of the front entrance to her home.



Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the good health and protection we have known through the cold season and in the run up to the elections.
2. Pray for our families as they try to sustain themselves and their crops with no rain. Wells sometimes dry up by September and we don't have rain until November.
3. Thank God for all the pupils' efforts with school this year. Please pray they will continue to study at home as well and those in exam classes to prioritise revision.
4. Please pray for energy and wisdom as we move into hot season and the end of the year with new applications to consider for next year.

School opens for term 3 on Monday 7th September 2026 and closes on Friday 4th December 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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