

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE

REAPING THE REWARDS

2026 has been the best New Year for a number of our guardians. For the past couple of years we have had an Arise Savings Programme where our guardians can deposit any amount any time. Some bring K5 some bring K100. They are allowed to take a loan based on what they have saved and they use this as capital to buy and sell things like charcoal and food. They repay the loan with a little interest at a rate they agreed upon. Through the year they have the profit from their business then at the close of the year all the savings are given back and the interest is divided up. How wonderful to see them walking home with their own money, many over k1000, some more than K2000 and one with K7,111! Well done ladies!



Each guardian has been saving what they can afford and now have money for seed, food and clothes.



LAWRENCE

THE ELECTRONIC WHIZZ KID!

When Lawrence knew he was going to feature in our next newsletter his response was. 'I want people who have a disability to know they can do something.' Lawrence was born with some physical disabilities resulting in him not walking until he came to Kapumpe when he was about 7 years old. He has

stayed in school and had a keen interest in electronics. He began collecting discarded radios, phones and torches, taking them apart and putting them back together again. He then had the idea of combining parts of different items to make his own radios. Lawrence decides what features he wants it to have then designs the shape. Some have Bluetooth connection, some can be charged with a USB cable, some have solar panels and some have lights! He uses strong plastic from containers to melt and make the casing which he shapes and smooths using a hot knife or razor blade. He has now discovered that he can decorate his products using acrylic pens. At the moment his 7 varied radios are for promoting his business. He has dreams of making radios and speakers to order, including huge items DJ's would want. Next year will be his final year in school so he is already thinking about looking for a college where he can study electronics to increase his knowledge.



Radio number 6 front and back followed by radio number 7.

DEDICATED PLAYERS

There've been many days when the pitch has been waterlogged and rain has affected training this term. We are so proud of the players who have remained dedicated throughout the rainy season and been present for training, even when a lot of the time spent has been simple ball handling and team building in the nsaka. Those who have continued coming have been rewarded with being selected for matches. I'm sure we will see more players coming every week in term 2 as they all want to be wearing kit for matches.



Ball skills under the shelter in the rains

ARISE KIDS

A new year brings a fresh feel to Kids Club as the new Grade 3 pupils are now old enough to come and the new Grade 5's are now in the older club. We have started some new workbooks at the beginning of club, the younger group have some handwriting practice books and the older ones have Bible story workbooks. It's been fantastic to see



Using Bible stories to practice reading and solve puzzles

them running in, so eager to get started on these even though they have just finished a lesson a school. These children know that they are making progress in their

learning and they love to show us what they can now read and write.

This term we have started looking at the Ten Commandments. Even though they have heard them before, remembering them and understanding them is still a challenge so we find



Can you guess which commandment they were learning about by making a day on their calendar look very special?

lots of fun ways to help the children remember and be able to follow them. We always encourage them at the end to go home and tell their friends and family what they have learnt as the Bible is for everyone. Slowly the children seem to be realising they are in a special position of being able to explain things from God's word that many people don't know. It's great when we talk to their guardians and hear that they come home and retell the Kids Club story and sometimes even lead family devotions by reading the Bible and praying. Our hope is that these children will be the catalyst for change not only in their family but also



Duplo activities are great when it is pouring with rain outside

in Jesus and make Him known. Let's pray they have a desire to follow Him all their lives.

within the wider Kaniki community. Praise the Lord that we have freedom to share the gospel here and these children are free to believe

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ARISE YOUTH



We have our largest number of youth this year – 40 young people. Praise the Lord to have so many in school! The local area is developing and there are more opportunities to make money and things to lure teenagers away from school. We have



Thank you Denmark for the gifts of notebooks and pens

endeavoured to be rewarding the youth for their efforts and following up on them if we have not seen them for a few days. They have come to realise that Arise cares about them and is interested in their lives. We take time to sit and listen to them and help with different struggles and needs where we can. With a large group it's now like a big family and brilliant to see the different ages working and having fun together.



New grade 8's enjoying the opportunity to paint at Youth

On Saturdays this year we are looking at some

of the parables Jesus told. It's been interesting to see that they know 'their version' of the story, not necessarily what is in the Bible. Once a month we take a deep look at what God is saying to us through the parables and how this applies to our lives today. What a joy it is to see them listening so attentively and opening up about some of their struggles and why it is challenging for them to live as a Christian.

We are so proud of their efforts. Their dedication to taking care of their things such as sewing torn uniform and fixing ripped books is inspiring.



Which medical team can do the best bandaging...

Can you guess the parable we were looking at in this session?

We hope that they continue to shine for Jesus when they are not at Arise and are living as examples for others to follow. Please continue to pray for our youth this year. The new Grade 8's are now following a new curriculum for which there are no new textbooks yet. Our older youth are working hard at home and school but struggling where the teachers do not explain things.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

Our worker Wilfred with the second pumpkin harvest from the field behind him.

Pumpkin leaves are also a delicious vegetable here making this a valuable crop.



For the first time, we have been able to harvest pumpkins this year! Our compost area had become home to a number of snakes so we needed to burn the area. What we didn't realise was this seemed to be the perfect soil for pumpkins. We had an area for pumpkin leaves as these are a green vegetable commonly eaten in Zambia. As some of the waste was tossed on the other side we soon noticed they had taken root and they send out many runners which soon covered a huge area. The guardians decided they would not harvest these leaves but leave them so they could harvest pumpkins, a rare treat. Hopefully they are learning many lessons as they farm, e.g. 'things we discard might still have a purpose' and 'if we are patient we can reap many rewards.'

TESTIMONY TIME

This is Joyce Katongo, one of our elderly grandmothers who cares for her grandson Dalitso who is in Grade 1. When Joyce joined Arise last year she was struggling to move around. Her attitude has been so positive though and always wanting to praise God. She has been trying her best to make sure there is some food each day and when she has had the strength, she has even planted around her house! She now has maize, prickly cucumber, chilli, sweet potato and other local green vegetables. What an amazing lady! Even though life is hard she is never discouraged, always smiling and wanting to live life to the full – a great example for some of our younger guardians. Joyce has a little bit of English and helps Dalitso each day with his homework, she is also making sure he is going to church. When she is not well enough to go, he now knows the way to walk to church by himself. At the beginning of the year Joyce asked for some extra fertilizer so she could plant more crops and what an amazing investment it has been.



Dalitso left with his grandma hard at work opposite the house

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for all his provision for the project and families this term. We have had finances and resources to help in all situations.
2. Pray for the guardians and children as they gather their harvest this term, that they would stay well through the cold season to do all they need to.
3. Thank God for the serious attitude lots of the pupils have towards school and following God this year. Pray this interest continues through the year.
4. Please pray for wisdom and protection for the Arise staff as they face many challenges while moving around Kaniki to support our members.

School opens for term 2 on Monday 11th May 2026 and closes on Friday 7th August 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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