

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE



Finding ways to carry the soya and bucket

NATOTELA SANA – THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The beginning of the year now feels like a long time ago but we at Arise are still remembering and thanking God for all our supporters. The buckets of blessings we give out each year mean so much to the families in our project. They are reminded that God sees them, knows their needs and is able to take care of them.

It is a joy to see the delight and appreciation of these guardians as they come to collect a 3kg bag of soya chunks and a bucket full of home essentials. As another year of hardship begins, these guardians can easily become discouraged and struggle to help their children see that God is good and God is love.

One such guardian is Gertrude pictured on the right, she has 2 boys, 9 and 10yrs; her husband left 9 years ago. Her eldest son has sickle cell anaemia and her other has numerous physical disabilities. Despite all the family challenges, Gertrude has loved her children. Struggling to manage, she came to Arise for support and is now able to teach her boys that God is their father.



Gertrude showing her gratitude for the gifts



The many blessings of the Christmas buckets



Praising God for His goodness and love through the year

KNITTING BUSINESS

Last year we began preparing for knitting business opportunities for Arise guardians. They began by knitting scarves, sometimes collecting the money straight away but sometimes saving it to buy fertilizer for fields at home. This year we have had 3 ladies train as knitting leaders so they can teach others this valuable skill. We also have some contacts in Denmark who were looking for people who could knit hats for them. Arise now has many ladies who are eagerly learning the pattern so they can generate income for their family.



Rosemary (second left) teaching other guardians how to knit

A UNITED TEAM

Although the pitch was quite wet at the beginning of the year the footballers have been coming to training nearly every week. It is something that many of them look forward to and it is not only the fun with the ball. The team pray together and have a time of worship as part of every session. Both girls and boys are now enjoying training in drills together and also playing in matches together. The harmony amongst the young people is tangible and we can see that God is at work as characters become softer and the integrity of these young people develops each week.



Prayer and praise at the beginning and end of football training



ARISE KIDS

We have had a wonderful term at Kids Club with the new Grade 3 pupils absolutely thrilled to be able to finally come. The club takes place after school on a Thursday and for the past year they have seen their older siblings and friends going to the Arise block for club and have felt like they are missing out. Although English was still a challenge for some of the younger ones at the beginning of the year they are quickly



Daskin showing his 3D well he made for his memory verse

improving their skills through reading, writing and speaking. We pack every minute of our hour with learning and fun to help these children come to

know God and develop their many skills. Children of all ages love the opportunity to make things, play games, have competitions and dress up for a drama. It is always so rewarding to see them eager to join in and volunteer...even if it means pretending to be killed! We challenge the children to memorise the Bible verse we focus on each week and many of them rush to tell us they know it and have been telling their parents and friends the story from the previous week. It is a challenge to us as adults – do we know as many verses as these children now know?



Team game time – how does it feel when something is taken from you?

This term we have been following the life of Abraham and helping the children to understand many things God has done to reveal His power and

perfect plans for our lives. At times the children were amazed that God would do such things like give a person a child when they were 100 years old or turn a person to salt but they have come to realise that God can do things that are impossible or do not make

sense to us. We ended the term by looking at the Easter story. So many of the children did not know facts from the Bible. They loved finding out the truth of why we celebrate Easter.



The room gets a thorough cleaning each week – tables, floors, mats... well done Kids Club!

ARISE YOUTH

One of our biggest blessings of the year so far is that most of our young people have come to every Saturday Youth and to our weekly study days; we have had over 20 on all but two days.

For our youth programme this year we are looking at the Creation v. Evolution argument. In their school text books it explains that people evolved from apes.



Painting your feet – something many of our youth had never done

Many of the young people do not realise that this is not true. Please pray that these young people will not only come to understand creation according to the Bible, but also be able to stand up for this truth in school.

The new grade 8 pupils are very excited to now be in secondary school and able to come to the older activities at Arise. It's been fantastic to see them hungry to learn,



Mary and Marjory Both new to secondary school and proud to be doing well in tests

proud of their hard work, and ready to tackle new challenges. Sadly there is still a lack of high quality teaching at the high school and sometimes classes have no teacher. Our pupils are having to learn fast, how to support each other, share knowledge and learn independently. Even though this takes discipline and hard work, you can see that our young people are ready to commit to do whatever it takes to pass their exams.

How wonderful on a Saturday to see them working as a



Investigation time – Which string telephone works the best?

team not only to solve problems but also to praise God and help each other learn how to live for Jesus. They are becoming more confident to share their questions and even try to answer each other's questions. We have some excellent role models in Grade 12 this year who have already been helping the younger pupils. This is evidence that all the investment Arise is making in the lives of these young people is worth it.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Hallelujah!

A year of bumper harvest. The maize in the Arise field will sustain many through the next year. Hopefully the annual Arise appeal will be able to support many more families in future.

Although our guardians come to farming on a Friday at Arise this is not the only time they are farming as most have their own fields at home where they grow maize, peanuts, sweet potatoes and vegetable to help sustain their families. Having used the Arise field as a training ground for many years we wanted to see if the guardians were putting into practice a lot of what they were learning. This year we have begun to do field visits where some of our staff travel deeper into the bush to see our guardians' fields. What a joy to hear how well everyone's maize is looking and how they are applying what they are learning at Arise. We hope and pray that they will all be able to harvest before their crops are damaged by weather or insects or stolen by thieves.

TESTIMONY TIME

As you will have read on the first page we have begun to establish a knitting business among the Arise guardians. With the help of a charity in Denmark, some of our ladies have been learning how to make a specific hat that will be sold in shops in Denmark. For this to be possible, we needed some specific training sessions where our ladies could watch and ask questions as some of the more tricky parts of the knitting were done.

Living in a country with power cuts always meant this was going to be a challenge, but not impossible. We were definitely aware of God's ability to hear and answer prayer when we were praying one Thursday morning for the power to come on. At the exact time the video call was to start the power came on. When the ladies found out there still was no internet connection they decided to sing and worship God... until it worked! 30 minutes later we were connected and the training session was able to take place.

*Praise the Lord!
Power's back on!*



Our knitting ladies watching a knitting trainer in Denmark teaching them how to knit hats in a live video call, God is good!

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the wonderful amount of rain we have had and how well everyone's crops have grown.
2. Pray for the pupils to continue to be hungry to learn God's word and share the good news of Jesus with friends and family.
3. Please pray for the staff to have the wisdom needed to help each family with their unique struggles and for decisions they need to make.
4. Thank God for all His provision and blessings. Please pray for the funds and contractors needed to finish our Arise road on the site.

School opens for term 2 on Monday 12th May 2025 and closes on Friday 8th August 2025.

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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