

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



The maize at the Arise plot – watered and weeded by the guardians every week.



Guardians removing the kernels from the maize cobs after they have dried out.



Arise harvested 7 bags of maize from our small portion which will help many of our families.

FAITHFUL GOD AMID FOOD SHORTAGE

What a mighty God we serve! The past few months have been a big challenge for many of our families. Like many other countries in Southern Africa at the moment, Zambia is facing a food crisis with aid having already been sent to southern provinces. On many roads the presence of soldiers has increased, checking how much mealie meal (pounded maize) is being transported. As we talk to many families we hear they are just managing to eat one meal a day; something that is difficult for many of us to imagine. This is also partly due to the significant increase in daily living costs. For those of you who have lived in Zambia you will be aware that it is possible for some items to double in price overnight.

Many of our guardians have only one or two bags of maize compared to the 16+ bags they were expecting. The poor rains we experienced last year have resulted in many need of support the country struggling for water. Some of our guardians also lacked fertilizer which is essential for a good crop.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR GUARDIANS WITH FERTILIZER FOR THEIR 2020 CROP FOLLOW THE 'GET INVOLVED' LINK ON OUR WEBSITE

God has blessed our small farming plot with a really good harvest this year. Our plants were healthy and our cob size was larger than most. We have many more bags of maize than some families have for the year. Guardians who have been coming to work on the field and those too elderly to farm are now able to receive to support with food provision. Thank you Lord!

MOTIVATED BY DEFEAT

The Arise team has continued to train through term and holiday, only stopping for test week. Most weeks the boys train twice, however sometimes one session is a match if the coaches have managed to arrange a game. All the local teams are bigger physically than ours but they see our boys are skilful. For us it is like facing the giants; we have not yet won but each game makes us hungry to train harder.



Football rewards at the end of term for discipline and improvement



Drills and skills is the focus for our coaches – our players are young but they are talented!

SCHOOL

We are thrilled to see most of our students remaining in school this year. As we now look at end of term reports we are delighted to see improvements from many pupils. One student, Jevan, went up



Motivating Kaniki students to see the value of science

four grades in one subject. From looking across all the reports it is clear that maths is the subject most pupils struggle with. After talking with teachers at Kaniki Combined School we discovered that maths is a challenge in all schools. The government have promised a specialist maths teacher for KCS, please pray they

inspire the pupils and have clear teaching methods.

Peter, a recent visitor to Arise from the UK and ex-secondary school teacher, was able share with all of the Grade 10's why

science is an important subject. They asked him very thoughtful questions and were clearly enthused by what he shared.

We are continuing to see our older pupils once a month to help with their studies and have a time of discipleship. It is clear that they need a lot more support to grasp everything on the curriculum. KCS is giving the best it can offer the pupils on minimal government



The newly opened Home Economics room at KCS



What was field space behind the school is now being prepared for new classrooms

By Arise pupils attending, the school is able to use the fees we pay for them to help equip the school and build more classrooms. Currently all the rooms are occupied and in 2020 they will need rooms for Grade 12. It is exciting to be a part of the community support in Kaniki.

YOUTH



Building houses using natural materials

This term has been a lot of fun at youth! During the term we have been learning about the prophets Elijah and Elisha. A lot of these stories from the Bible were new to the children and they were amazed to learn about different miracles God has done. Ultimately these children have been learning that God loves, cares for and is interested in the lives of His people, even though they make mistakes. What great lessons to learn! Our weekly programme continues to be filled with activities, songs, stories, crafts and of course food. The children love seeing what's different each week and playing with many friends. We praise God for their regular attendance and hunger for God's word.



Competing in teams to order the words for the memory verse

COLLEGE

It is a joy to see some of our pupils hard work and their dedication to school work pay off. Cacious, who sits his final exams in September was awarded a bursary because of his high grades. We have recently heard from Time who completed school in 2018 with very good grades that he too has been awarded a bursary to study Agriculture Science.



Time is preparing for college in 2020

Praise the Lord! What a mighty God we serve. You may remember us writing about William completing his theology studies at the Evangelical University last year. Not only did he receive his certificate at his graduation earlier this year but he was also presented with the annual award for preaching. Excellent effort William! We are very excited to see how God uses William in the army.



William at his graduation



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Everyone has a job to do when they come for farming

During the term we have seen some new guardians become regular attenders. One elderly grandmother, Josephine walks for more than 2 hours to reach the Arise plot. When we asked her if she has a small garden at home for growing some of these vegetables, she said the soil isn't good so she can't grow them at her house. Now we understand why some of these guardians value the Arise plot so much. For other guardians they live very close to neighbours and there is very little space for planting as well as any water supply being very remote. On a weekly basis these guardians water, weed and harvest the vegetables. Although we apply fertilizer and our worker John waters during the week as well, it is God who is sustaining this field and producing a bumper harvest for what we sow. Hallelujah!

TESTIMONY TIME

Bridget and her family have faced many challenges this year. They have suffered many health problems, the youngest two boys have been getting into trouble at school and the eldest two boys who have finished school cannot find work and one of her daughters has now returned to live with Bridget along with a grandson.

Bridget is constantly asking for encouragement and doing her best with what she has. Since starting the mat making last term she has made 7 mats herself while also finding piecework to buy food for the family. She gives glory to God that her family is now all in good health and her four boys have been using their time and energy to build this kitchen shelter. God has been blessing her family this term.



Bridget with 2 of her 6 children outside the kitchen shelter they are building before the rains come

Prayer Points

1. Thank God for the improvements our pupils are making in school. Pray especially for those who have exams this term, grades 7, 9 & 12.
2. Praise the Lord for His provision and faithfulness to all our families. God has been making a way through each circumstance where there seems to be no way.
3. Please pray for God to bring His comfort and peace to the families who have suffered unexpected bereavement this term.
4. Pray for the Arise staff to have wisdom as they receive applications from people wanting to be supported by Arise in 2020.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 9th September 2019 to begin Term 3. The Arise Orphan Project continues to run all year round.

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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