

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, venerable children and their guardians.



'Natotela sana!' Thank you very much to all our supporters.

we serve! The rain held off and we had 60 guardians attend. Praise the Lord! We had no idea how many would come as this is the time of year everyone is busy in their fields planting and weeding. Also we were relying on people remembering the date and time as this is a culture where information is shared by word of mouth. It was a blessed time where guardians were making new friends over games and a cup of tea followed by praise and worship and a time of testimony. It was so evident to see God has provided for and been at work in the lives of our guardians. This was followed by each guardian receiving a Christmas bucket with much appreciated supplies inside. As each guardian was presented with their bucket their joy was clearly visible and they were full of thanks to God. It was wonderful that the roads were good enough to collect some elderly guardians who would not have otherwise been able to attend. To have fellowship with other guardians and be able to go somewhere outside of their community was a big blessing and surprise for them. It has been wonderful to see God's love and joy being made known in Kaniki and we know that our guardians will continue to share this love and joy with their neighbours.

PLANNING FOR 2018

It is with excitement and anticipation that we now look forward to 2018. We do not know everything that God has in store but we do know that each year He uses people and situations to show us how wonderful He is and how much He loves us. One thing that we are planning for is more competition for our football team. They train twice a week and work very hard. Two of the team were awarded footballs at the end of 2017 for their dedication and improvement. It was wonderful to hear the coaches remind the team that what they learn on the pitch also applies to home and school; putting God first, dedication and teamwork.



The Arise Football Team

CHRISTMAS TIME

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! To all our friends and supporters around the globe.

As you can see from the photograph we enjoy warm weather at Christmas time in Zambia. It is however the rainy season... We were praying there would not be rains when it was our Christmas meeting to enable many guardians to come. What a faithful God



SCHOOL

Pupils across Zambia look forward to the holidays however for many it is not a complete break from studies as extra lessons take place in the holidays. Many grades had end of year exams in November. December is the month of marking so we are looking forward to hearing how our pupils have done and hoping they are all about to progress to the next grade.

Following report collection at the end of the previous term we are aware that some of our older pupils are struggling. There is not always support available from teachers if pupils are struggling and for many pupils above the age of 14, the pressures and expectations in life increase, leaving less time and energy for school and studying. We are going to begin monthly meetings with our older students in 2018. Hopefully this will encourage them and enable us to see how we can improve our support to ensure they achieve their full potential.

SUBJECTS	TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3
ENGLISH	40	30	46
MATHEMATICS	10	60	30
SCIENCE	30	70	30
ZAMBIAN LANGUAGE	60	55	16
SOCIAL STUDIES	100	70	40
CREATIVE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES	75	80	28
SPECIAL PAPER ONE	65	90	60
SPECIAL PAPER TWO	46	50	80
TOTAL			254

It can be difficult to know how to help pupils when there is so little information on their report.

COLLEGE

The programmes for college vary greatly depending on the course and the institution. For some of our students they have just finished a year, for others they are part way through. One of our students who has just finished his final year of teaching (secondary maths) is Denis. He is a wonderful, hard-working young man who has been achieving merits and distinctions in his course. He is now awaiting his final grade. He came to the office to thank Arise for their support and to



Denis... or Mr Bwalya to his pupils

explain that he was going back to the village to help his grandma and plant a field while he is waiting for a job.

It was also a joy to hear from Musa, that he has finished his first year training to be a nurse at Ndola Teaching Hospital - top of his class! He has so much love for those who are sick.

MICROLOANS



Our 2nd group preparing to start their business

Having trained 2 groups in 2017 we are hoping this year we will have some more small businesses set up by the guardians so they are enabled to support their own family better and learn new skills along the way.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Thursday youth fellowship has been evolving over the year. We seem to have established a programme which the young people love and the staff also enjoy. For some time we were wanting to share more of God's word with our young people but how to do so in a way they would all understand and enjoy has taken some time.

We currently have approximately 30 pupils each week ranging from Grade 3 – 9 (ages 7-19). After some food, drink and a game, we share a Bible story which is always dramatized. The pupils LOVE dressing up! This is followed by a memory verse



Having fun at Youth this term

relating to the story, which they then write on a craft they make. A challenge this term was to memorise the verse. It has been a delight to see children rushing at the beginning of youth to recite the scripture from the previous week. Praise the Lord for this time to share God's word openly and help them understand how it applies to their lives.

FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

We usually have a small team of guardians each Friday morning who tend to our plot and meet for discipleship. Despite there only being 3 – 5 each week we have been able to grow and harvest cabbages, tomatoes, Chinese lettuce, carrots, onions and a large quantity of maize. Arise has not needed to buy any of these products to support our guardians as they have grown them to support each other. Praise the Lord!



3 of our dedicated farming guardians with Lister (far right)

TESTIMONY



Alfred came to visit the Arise office to tell us how well he was doing and to thank us for supporting him.

Alfred is a 15 year old boy who has spent the majority of the past few years in hospital. He was initially misdiagnosed as having HIV/AIDS and last year was diagnosed with cancer. As a double orphan, Alfred was in the hands of relatives – whoever would take care of him but no one wanted the burden of a sick child. His grandmother came to Arise for support and with the help of generous supporters we have been able to ensure that Alfred has been able to receive treatment in Lusaka. The capital city hosts the only hospital in the country that offers treatment for cancer patients. Arise has also been able to support with travel to and from Lusaka as well as prayer and encouragement when he has been home.

After being told he needed to undergo another round of chemotherapy, Alfred went back to Lusaka and continued receiving treatment believing God was going to help him recover. It was such a joy to see Alfred at the office last month looking so strong and healthy. He hopes to return to school in January and in planning on becoming a doctor when he is older so he can help sick children just like the doctors who helped him. Thank you to all our supports who have been praying for Alfred.

Prayer Points

1. For all of our guardians as they tend to their field during the rainy season – please pray for good rains and a good harvest.
2. Praise the Lord for the close relationships being built between staff and guardians which enable us to better support guardians individually.
3. New ventures in 2018, meeting with older pupils and microloan projects – that we will be guided by God as Arise develops.
4. Continued unity and love between all staff and supporters, that we are able to bring the good news of Jesus to the community in Kaniki.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 15th January 2018 to begin a new academic year. 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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