

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



SMILING THROUGH THE SEASONS

As you may remember from our previous newsletter we were preparing for rains last term. Some rain did finally come however, it arrived late and finished early. We have also recently experienced a few heavy rains when it should be dry.

People in Zambia rely on the rains to ensure they have a good crop in order to feed their family for the following year. Due to rain coming late and not being enough, most of the cobs that have grown are very small. The late rains have meant that many cobs have also become bad as they should have been drying out.

The rain crisis has affected all of Zambia and many people are concerned about if they will have enough for their families this year.

Despite the enormous challenge our guardians face, they continue smiling and giving God praise for His goodness to them. The fact that they wake up each morning is reason to thank God. Jenny is one of our grandmothers who always finds food for her family, no matter how small it is or how hard she has to work for it. Some of our guardians are not able to work in the same way thus requiring more help from Arise.



Jenny with her grandchildren Eliza and Brian who both attend Kapumpe Christian Primary School



Eunice in her house after the fire which consumed her fabric possessions



Our Arise team with the highly respected captains holding new footballs at the end of term one.

THE VALUE OF VISITS

Every week we are visiting our guardians. We pray with them, encourage them with God's word and also find out how their situation is at home.

These visits are important as often our families face difficulty and feel they have no one to help. Although we are unable to meet every need of our families we are able to meet some and help them find ways of getting through each challenge. Recently we visited Eunice who lives in a one room house with her two grandchildren. The wind had blown her candle over and it set fire to the curtain, which created a bedroom, as well as the mattress, blankets and clothes. They were all destroyed in the fire. We were able to help her with contents for her house and let her know that she was not alone in this. Eunice was very grateful we visited.

FOOTBALL FANATICS

Throughout term 1 our team have played many games; most of which have been against players older than themselves. They have loved every minute and continued to improve with their excellent ball skills being noticed by other coaches. The team remain dedicated to training as they become brothers in a family.

SCHOOL

The new year is always an exciting time and pupils like the fresh start that it brings. Although many progress to the next grade, this is not the case for everyone. We have been working

hard at Arise to keep track of the grades our pupils are in and the progress they are making. It is a known fact in every culture that home life affects children's academic performance. We have been working closely with our guardians to help them see the importance of encouraging children to go to school



Guardians meeting with a head teacher about supporting pupils



Grade 10 & 11 pupils studying

and focus in lessons, as well as taking care of themselves at home, eg: washing, resting, eating and revising. The Head Teacher of Kapumpe Christian Primary School met with a number of guardians to explain how they have an important role in the children's lives. They teach them many skills at home but can help them achieve much more by supporting them in their schooling and general healthcare. We have been very excited to see a number of our older students attending a monthly study session. They are wanting to do their best and know that God can help them in areas they struggle with.

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YOUTH

Yet again term 1 has been full of excitement at youth. Pupils have been singing songs, playing games, making crafts and learning more from God's word. Over the past 13 weeks we have been looking at the lives of the first Christians in the New Testament. Many were surprised at the persecution they faced for shring their faith. It was wonderful to pray together for fellow Christians



Enjoying a craft activity

around the world who face similar persecution today.

In many ways the youth have been challenged and inspired to share their faith with others, seeing the courage these Christians had and the power God has beyond our imagination.

Towards the end of term we also revisited the Easter story which they loved acting out in costumes!



Games we play link to our Bible story to help the youth understand the lesson

Celebrating the end of term 1 with our staff workers Lister and Agnes



As always we never know who will come from week to week but it has been wonderful to see so many coming, and being excited to recite verses from the Bible that they have been practicing all week. When we visit their houses we often see their crafts displayed to help them remember the Bible story and share with their family.

We finished the term with some special treats to eat and drink as well as a visit from two of our trustees from the UK. It was wonderful to see the young people having fun, feeling loved and thanking God for the gift of Jesus.



Eggs, crisps and a bottle of drink – the last week of term is always a special week

COLLEGE

Many of our college pupils have now completed their studies. We currently have two still in college, Cacious and Musa. Last year William finished his studies in Theology at Evangelical University.



William finished college in 2018

From 2017 William has been quite certain that he would like to be an army chaplain. When he graduates later this year he will apply to join the army and seek to become a chaplain over the coming years. He is very likely to be accepted for the army and will face a very different lifestyle in the future. Please pray for William as he prepares for and embarks on this next stage of life.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Faithful guardians throughout the rainy season

Despite the rains being poor this year, we have had crops growing on our farming plot due the guardians who have continued to come to water and weed the land. There has been cabbage, onions, pumpkin leaves, impwa, sweet potato and maize growing for the guardians to take home as they have need.

They love to come for fellowship as well, they share testimonies of God's goodness and encourage each other through the challenges they face at home.

It is wonderful to see them showing their children how God

blesses the works of our hands when we put Him first in everything we do. These guardians work very hard to care and provide for their families but they know that it is only possible because of the strength and love that comes from God. We are praying that the children come to know God as their guardians do.

TESTIMONY TIME

'Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.' Matthew 6:8

This verse has become clearly evident in our lives this term. Some of our guardians had been discussing what they could do practically, when they meet together, to raise money for things they needed at home. They decided they could make mats; those who didn't know how could learn. Money made from selling the mats would be used to buy necessities from town as they requested. The only challenge was the equipment to get started. In April, we were able to purchase the sacks and nails but scraps of material were harder to find. A container from Denmark had just arrived with some items for Arise. This container was packed in February and clearly God knew what we would need in April...there were many rolls of different material for us to use as necessary. Thank you Father God!



Arise guardians beginning their mat making project knowing that it is God who has made this possible

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the material for the mat making project. Pray for more guardians to come and learn this skill.
2. Continue to pray for our families though this next term where most will face a shortage of food. Pray for wisdom for staff that we might know how to best support each family and share God's love.
3. Thank God for the pupils who have been coming to Arise to study each month. Pray for all our pupils at school, especially for understanding in maths which seems to be the hardest subject for them all.
4. Praise God for all the supporters of Arise and for their encouragement.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 13th May 2019 to begin Term 2. 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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