

# Arise Orphan Project

*Empowering orphans, venerable children and their guardians.*



## STAFF

Our staff team has been through some changes during term 2, however God has always provided people at the right time to ensure the project continues. Currently Naomi, from the UK, is managing the project along with two Zambian staff workers, Lister and Agnes.

Lister loves it when she is with children and also fellowshiping with the elderly people. Since she was young she has loved working with old people and discipling them.

Agnes loves to encourage others and loves to share the bible with children. She is encouraged herself to see elderly guardians coming together to discuss scripture and pray.

In term 3 we will be welcoming two new volunteers to the Arise team. Liz will be coming from Denmark, and Megan who is from USA although she has been living in Ndola for a few years already.

We also have some Arise guardians who help with caring for and taking messages to other Arise members in their community.



*Agnes visiting Teresa in Kamalasha who is unable to walk*



*Lister explaining we have a space at a house in town for Albert as his relatives in town cannot keep him anymore*



*Visiting Kaniki with some of the Euroclass team*

## VISITS

Arise visits are central to our work. In a culture where people tell you what they think you want to hear, very often we don't know what situations are like at home for people until we visit them.

In addition to gathering information to better support and empower our guardians we also share something from God's word and pray with them. It has been wonderful to see how God has blessed and encouraged people during these times.

During this cold season we have also been able to deliver some blankets and jerseys to families that have need of them.

It has been a great to share this time with visitors we have welcomed from Denmark. One team come from a Bible College and another from Euroclass. They also bought gifts to bless the guardians practically and were challenged to see how they are able to sustain their families in the rural communities of Zambia.



## SCHOOLS

Term 2 has gone very quickly for our pupils and for many it has been a hard working term. We have had many pupils coming to the office to collect new books having completely filled the books they began the year with. Although this is great, there remains the challenge of how we can best support pupils who we do not regularly see at Kapumpe. Often they are unable to tell us about what is in their books and sometimes cannot read it. Having seen a poor turnout to afternoon lessons for Arise pupils, we are praying God will guide us with alternative ways we can support and encourage these pupils. We passionately believe that a good education will open up many doors for these children in the future.

*Please pray for pupils re-sitting Grade 9 exams*



## MICROLOANS

Our first microloan group 'Twikateni', has been a great success! After a slow start, the group really gelled together and were able to share responsibilities and sell all of their chickens. They were expecting not to make profits on their first batch due to initial costs the inevitable set-backs when you start a business. Twikateni are now planning to rear their second batch of chickens and Arise is planning on starting a second microloan group in August due to other guardians showing interest in starting up a business.



*Visiting Twakateni business group with their chickens*

## COLLEGE

Our college pupils are all doing well and despite not seeing them often we are able to have a little communication and encourage them. Many of them will be sitting important tests next term alongside writing up notes and completing assignments. We have been blessed very much blessed by Cacious, who is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Production and Operations Management. In his holiday time he often contacts us to see if Arise needs his help in anyway. This year he was able to help at Kapumpe when we had some teachers away taking exams. Musa who is in his 1<sup>st</sup> year of medicine wanted to communicate his appreciation to Arise and show how much he was enjoying his course that he borrowed a friends phone to take some pictures and send to us.

*Cacious at Kapumpe*



*Musa at Ndola Central Hospital*

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Every Thursday 14:00-16:00 we have Youth Fellowship for Grades 3-9. We now have an average of 30 regular children coming. After stating with a drink and a sandwich, they are eager to hear a story from the bible...and take part in telling it if possible. During term 2 we were sharing Jesus' teaching via parable. In term 3 we will be looking at the life of David.

Our bible teaching is followed by a memory verse which they write on to a craft they make to take home. It has been wonderful to see these crafts hanging in homes when we have gone on visits and to hear how the children are sharing what they are learning. We also make times for games and praise and worship – things that Zambian children love and are very good at.



*Lister and children enjoying youth activities*



*Farming plot managed by  
Arise Guardians*

## FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

Every Friday morning guardians are invited to help farm on the plot of land at Arise. Over the past year, Lister and John (our groundsman) along with our guardians, have been learning how to do farming God's way with a programme called 'Foundations For Farming'. They have been able to use what God has naturally provided and care for the crops as God cares for us. We have harvested very healthy maize, tomatoes, cabbages, onions and a large quantity of beans. The guardians have been able to take the produce home and we hope many more will join in next term.



*Charity enjoying being out of the house  
and able to support her youngest son  
in studying for his exams*

## TESTIMONY

Charity Chungu is a guardian we have been supporting for a number of years. When she became a member of Arise she was bedridden with many sores, infections and severely malnourished. She was also a widow with 4 boys to look after. Arise regularly visited and in the past year began to take her to the physio and for some respite at a local hospice twice a month. With encouragement and support from medical professionals as well as an improved diet, Charity's been determined to recover. It has been an answer to prayer to see her now able to walk, cook and clean independently. She praises God daily for His goodness towards her and the strength and joy He gives afresh each morning. Charity is full of thanks for all those who have been involved in her care in some way. If you have been following Charity's story, thank you for your prayers and support – we hope you are encouraged to see how God is clearly at work in people's lives today.

### Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for His faithful provision throughout term 2. We have been blessed with materials as well as scriptures and protection when they have been needed.
2. For all the pupils sitting exams in term 3. Pray for peace, time and space to study and revise as well as understanding the exam questions.
3. The new volunteers to soon settle into their roles and for unity among all the staff.
4. Wisdom in decision making especially as there will be guardians coming to apply to be in Arise in 2018.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for 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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