

# Arise Orphan Project

**Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.**



**ARISE**

## CHRISTMAS BUCKET APPEAL 2021

A very bright end to the year for all our families! On 28<sup>th</sup> December we were able to hold our big end of year meeting. We were delighted to have 64 guardians able to attend and the sky was clear, not a drop of rain in sight all morning. Praise the Lord! Even some of our elderly guardians who struggle to walk, found the money for bus fare to be able to attend and join with everyone.



*The guardians felt very blessed to receive these gifts at the end of a year which had been challenging in many ways*

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards this appeal; individuals, churches and regular Arise supporters. Without your support we would not have been able to encourage the guardians and bless the families with these practical gifts. Each bucket is packed with items the families require daily for cooking and keeping clean as well as candles because they don't have electricity in their houses. Due to the significant increase in prices in Zambia we did not know how many items we would be able to buy or if we could also purchase a 3kg sack of soya pieces for each family as we did last year. Amazingly, God provided for all the items to be purchased in time for the buckets to be packed. As some people walk nearly 3 hours to attend we provided hot tea and buns for everyone before we began our meeting and this cost was met as well.

Last year on 28<sup>th</sup> December we held our end of year meeting and the guardians stood on the slab of the new Arise block and prayed for the funds to come in to complete the building. What a testimony to be able to welcome them into the hall space of the block exactly 1 year later! The men were still finishing the terrazzo while we were meeting but we didn't notice them as we sung praise to God for His love, faithfulness and answered prayer.



*All the items on our poster were able to be included in every bucket as well as an extra face towel and pack of biscuits*

We encouraged the guardians to continue praying, believing and watching what God does in their lives. Many of them stood up one after another saying how Arise had been a blessing to them this past year, especially the mat making project and farming. It was wonderful to hear how Arise is supporting these guardians to continue to love and serve their families.



*Our guardians loved being able to meet in the hall space of the new building for our end of year meeting*



## YOUTH WANT MORE STUDY!

We have been overjoyed with the response to Saturday Study from our young people. This has been the first year of running it for Grades 8 – 12 and the outcry from all of them at the end of each session is, 'We want more!' which is music to our ears. They have been enjoying a quiet place to study, books and people to help them as well as time to study the Bible and ask questions. Oh...and the food and drink is also a good reason to come. Although we have made it mandatory to attend in order to remain in the Arise programme, it is great



*Simon helping Joyce to understand Computer Studies*

to know that the pupils want to be here.

There was a lot of excitement to see a visitor had come from the UK to help them this term.

It is wonderful to have the time to talk to these young people and build relationships with them, something Arise has not always found easy in the past. Some of them have been opening up more to us about challenges at home and school and others have been needing some space to be a child and have someone to care for them. It is a privilege to be able to love and serve them in this small way.



*Pupils from Kaniki, Kamalsha and Kamfinsa helping one another*

It has also been easier for us to collect school reports by telling the pupils to bring them on Saturday instead of asking the guardian for them when we make a

visit to their house. We are also then able to discuss the reports with the children subject by subject and they appreciate this interest in their school life. Many guardians are not able to read the reports and therefore cannot discuss them with their children. It has also been wonderful to see pupils who live 3 or more hours from each other coming together to support one another and build friendships.

## THE NEW ARISE BLOCK

For those of you who have been following the development of this building project, thank you for bearing with us and continuing to support us and pray for us.

Hallelujah! the building work is now complete. At first we only had the money to lay the slab which we did in faith that God would



*Terrazzo laid on the veranda, doors fitted and builders off sight*

provide the funds needed for a building He gave the vision for. At each stage of the project we have had the funds to pay the builders and despite a few set-backs due to weather and delays with materials we finally have a finished building for the Arise project.

Currently, our worker John is busy painting the rooms: teaching room, supplies room and two offices.



*Tiles have now been laid in all rooms*

Once they are ready we will move in the furniture and then the process of moving all the things from Kapumpe Christian Primary School will begin. Everything from files and school supplies to clothes, mats and sports equipment. Oh, and of course the gardening tools! It will be a busy few months but we are looking forward to having our own space.

Hopefully we will be all set up, ready to restart our programme fully from the new building, at the beginning of term 2.



*Shelves and units are being built for all the rooms by our friends in the Kaniki Bible College workshop*



## FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

We have indeed seen more guardians attending Friday Farming – Praise the Lord! This time has continued to be such a blessing for the guardians many of whom have few other activities to attend. Aside from the house work and maintaining their field they might have some mid-week church meetings but not much other activity with others. It is so important for these guardians to know they are not alone in the challenges they face and to have people to share their joys with.

Due to the number of hands this term we have had a plethora of vegetables including hundreds of large onions as well as maize we planted for eating on the cob. Thank you Lord for our bountiful harvest!



*Fellowship, fun and photos – all part of Friday Farming*



## TESTIMONY TIME

You may remember that we wrote about a guardian called Delfista in our previous newsletter. She had worked to save money for seed after a difficult year. We asked her to bring what she had and we would top up what was needed. Praise the Lord for our wonderful supporters who raised enough money to not only help Delfista with seed and fertilizer for her field but also 10 other guardians! When we arrived in Kamfinsa, Delfista came with a beaming smile. She couldn't contain her joy at having the resources to provide food for her family next year. Her children soon followed to see what had arrived and we could see their delight as well. The families will now be working hard in their fields.



*Delfista with her children by Kamfinsa health post ready to cycle the sacks to their field*

### Prayer Points

1. Please pray for the families as they work in their fields during the rainy season. Pray for their safety and that their maize isn't destroyed by the powerful storms.
2. Praise the Lord that the Arise block has been built! Pray for the painting, furniture and resources to all be finished and in place ready for next term.
3. Thank God for all our pupils who are able to move to the next grade at school. Pray for them to continue to have a desire to study and learn.
4. Pray for the staff to have wisdom and energy in this new year, to share God's love and His word.

School was scheduled to open on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 but this has now been delayed by the government until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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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