

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



Grace with her granddaughter Audrey and some of their harvest

FAMILY LIFE

It is always a joy to visit our families at home and see how they are working together and finding ways to overcome every challenge. These can include not having water, not having food, not having light and not having heat. From the youngest to the oldest, everyone is involved in the daily running of the family home. Recently we have seen children helping with food preparation or collecting water and guardians making repairs to their houses. The way they support and care for one another is always sacrificial; a testimony to the love of God flowing through them. We have also seen Arise members caring for neighbours in their community – putting others before themselves.



The boys warming up for football training

WORKING TOGETHER

'Where two or three gather in My name, there I am with them.' Matthew 18:20. Our guardians are aware that God is with them and their families at home, however there is great benefit in gathering together. Once a term we call all of them to come to a big meeting. It is an opportunity for us to praise the Lord with many voices, share testimonies and encourage one another. There is always information to pass on and questions that they want to ask. It is a joy to see them supporting and suggesting solutions for each other.



Beauty and Tryness enjoying tea and buns

ZAMBIA'S FAVOURITE GAME

Football training continues to run all through the year and children love coming to train, play the game and learn about how to live in a way that honours God and makes Him known in the community. The coaches, Prosper and Progress love encouraging and supporting the boys. Whenever there is an opportunity for a competitive game, there is great excitement over who will make the team. Our coaches make it clear that selection is not only about skill and sporting talent, but also the character of the player.



Praise and worship at our termly meeting

This term we were reminding the guardians of the importance of bringing information to the office such as children going to live with other relatives or being chased away from school. We reminded them to show interest and concern for their children's education and explained how valuable their encouragement is to the young people. Much of the time our guardians say they don't know how to help the children in their care. Some have become pregnant or fathers this year and dropped out of school. We reminded them that God is the source of all wisdom and if they ask Him, God will give them the words.



Cornelius and Mike received prizes for consistent attendance



SCHOOL

Now that Term 2 has come to an end, it is easier for us to see who is doing well at school this year and who is struggling. For those who are struggling, there is usually other factors affecting their attendance. We endeavour to find out the reasons for poor attendance and support the guardians in helping the pupils see the value of education. It is a delight to see our pupils when they bring end of term reports to the office and share their aspirations for the future. We encourage them to be studying at home, reading through their notes from class and not seeing education merely as something that will happen while they are sitting in lessons at school. We currently have 10 pupils in Grade 12 this year who will be sitting their final school exams in October. Please pray for them to be able to remember what they have learned and to be able to understand the questions.



Bethsheba and Natasha are in their final grade of school this year – they would like to become nurses

COLLEGE

For many of our Grade 12 leavers we are not able to support them at college due to the high fees. We encourage all our older pupils to find some work instead of doing nothing and waiting for someone to help them. In the past we have had young people saving with us and when someone has expressed an interest in sponsoring a college student, we have been able to support them.

Currently we have Mukinda who is in his early 20's saving with us as he would like to study to become a nurse. He is a great example to his younger siblings and local community as he is looking for piecework each day and regularly saving his money – not spending it as soon as he receives it as many do.



Mukinda is saving to go to nursing college

MICROLOANS



Our first group: Twikanteni 'Together' what a great business name

Recently our first business group met with their trainer and Alex – a representative from the charity '3:18' who are supporting this project from the UK. The group shared some of the challenges they had faced however they were not deterred from business. They

really appreciated the opportunity to learn business skills and are keen to continue in business together. We are now looking at starting some new businesses and seeing more of our guardians learning new skills.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Every Thursday in afternoons during term time the young people have been coming for a time of praise and worship, learning Bible stories and memory verses as well as playing games and having a lot of fun.

We encourage the young people to come ready to share a testimony in the last week of the term. The children are keen to say what they want to thank God for. One boy shared that he wanted to thank God for helping him to stop stealing.



Giving a testimony

During term 2 our theme was 'God is...' and we were teaching about different attributes of God such as faithful, holy, just and omnipotent to mention a few. The young people were making a book page each week and brought them all back in the final week to put their books together.



Enjoying a treat of apples and eggs in our final week

When we visit our families and see the things they have made at youth on display, we know the families are being reminded of Biblical truths on a daily basis. We also see how proud they are of their work.



Look at our finished books!



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Working hard on the farming plot – daily watering is essential through the cold and hot season

We have a new guardian this year, Paul, an elderly grandfather who lives in Kaniki. Due to his age, he is struggling to find any work to support his 2 young grandsons. Since joining Arise he has been coming to help out the other guardians with the farming plot. He is often the first to arrive and even if there are no tools available he will find a task he can do and a way to get it done. Recently he had collected grass bundles (something many people do in the cold season). During the hot season many do repairs to their rooves before the next rains come. We were able to buy his grass bundles for our farming hut which needed re-roofing. He was delighted that he could help and we were happy we could provide him some paid work.

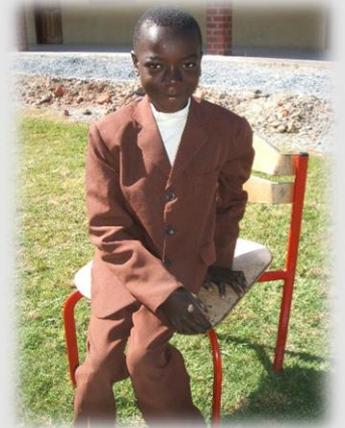
TESTIMONY TIME



Alfred is ready to go into his final term of Grade 8

As you may remember from our newsletter at the end of 2017, Alfred is a 16 year old boy who had been very sick for a number of years. He was hoping to return to school in January and it has been wonderful that he has been able to this. Alfred travels to the hospital in Lusaka for a review during the school holidays and continues to be given the all clear. He is delighted to be learning at school again.

Arise was supporting Lawrence to attend Kapumpe Christian Primary School as his family had not found a school that would take him as he could not walk. This year Arise has been able to enrol him at a boarding school for disabled children in Ndola. He came to visit us to tell us how well he was doing and how much he loves it there.



Lawrence has settled well at his new school

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for His love and faithfulness, sustaining all our pupils and guardians through personal challenges.
2. Thank God for the commitment of guardians and pupils who are trying to make a difference in the lives of their family and community by living for Christ.
3. Please pray for all our pupils who will be sitting exams in term 3. Grade 7 and Grade 12 pupils have national tests in October and November.
4. Pray for God's wisdom with all decision making at Arise. Term 3 will see us receiving more applications for support in 2019.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 10th September 2018 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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