

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE



Playing stepping stones and leaning new songs

FAMILY DAY

We have had a fun filled term 3 and it has been fantastic to see so many Arise families attending our programmes. In October we were visited by the YWAM team from Mkushi as part of their discipleship training course. Both parents and young people were delighted to see visitors. They felt very special having the team visit their houses to encourage them and running a family day with games and lunch. Parents and children had so much fun playing together as well as competing in different challenges. Hopefully they are continuing to play together at home as well as doing chores and work in their fields together. Much can be learnt through play and relationships can be made stronger when quality time is spent together. These are some of the things our guardians have been learning on our new Godly parenting course we have run this term. Our guardians have been learning how to love, teach and discipline their children in a way that honours God.



PARENTING PARTY

At the end of the 12 week parenting course we held a party with more games and food and of course awards! The guardians we delighted to be collecting certificates of participation and it was wonderful for the children to be their clapping their parents, seeing that learning and achieving never stops.

Every Friday the parents have come to farm in the Arise field then taken part in discussions, role plays and reflections of parenting situations. As a group they have been able to encourage and support one another. What great testimonies we heard at the party of how parents have changed the way they parent and the positive change they have begun to see in their children. Praise the Lord!



Playing volleyball followed by a delicious sausage and nshima lunch

1 YEAR OF GIRLS FOOTBALL

Wow! In just one year we have seen the girls' attendance and commitment to football increase so much that it now rivals the boys. We have had a number of girls' matches throughout the year with more teams asking us if we are available for competition. Prosper and Progress, our coaches have been fantastic, at times the girls have had their own drills and at others they have been mixed in with the boys – whatever method that will bring about the best development. Hopefully next year we will continue to see great improvement in both the girls and the boys' teams.



Girls receiving football shirt awards for commitment and improvement

ARISE KIDS

This term seems to have flown by at Kids Club! The pupils have really enjoyed coming to hear stories from the Bible, play games do crafts and learn memory verses. We have also seen the pupils mature lots as they have begun to tidy up the room after them, often all wanting to use the brooms at the same time. They are great at helping to set up the room and putting equipment away at the end.



Prince, Noah, Bernard and David with their lost coins

Both the Grade 3-4 and 5-7 groups have continued to show great enthusiasm for coming. Sometimes despite not being well they do not want to

go home but stay for Kids Club, not only are they wanting to get awards but also food and drink which is given each week. One week we provided cartons of milk for each child and the exuberant joy they felt was impossible to hide.

At the beginning of term 3 we were revisiting parables of Jesus and doing practical activities like building houses, finding hidden objects and investigating how things grow. The Kids Club in some ways is an extension of school as we take every opportunity to help the children learn new skills and develop academically. After eating a sandwich, while they are



Tina and Eliza very happy with their prizes and food

waiting for the friends to arrive the children fill in the next page of a workbook. These books help the pupils with their basic English and Maths as well as problem solving.

On the last club of the term the children take these workbooks home which not only gives them some activities to finish in the holidays but also reading material as most of the children do not have books at home to read.



With only a little direction the children are now very good at bringing the characters to life

Once again our term and year finished with the Christmas story and the children did a great job at acting. What a privilege it is to be able to share the Bible so freely each week with our children.

ARISE YOUTH



We have had a wonderful term 3 with the youth, especially as we have seen so many coming to the various programmes on a regular basis.



Our growing youth are like a big family

Our Monday and Friday study sessions, where the pupils are able to come and using the text books for whatever they want to study have been greatly appreciated by the pupils. Some of them have even asked if we will be opening the room for them on public holidays.

When there is personal support available they love to ask questions. Sadly being inquisitive is not something that is a priority at the secondary



Receiving 1-to-1 support from visitors on Study days

School. We do however encourage our children to ask questions, be creative, test theories and discover new ideas. One of the ways we help to do this is with our Saturday Youth Club. All our secondary school pupils gather together for games, crafts, competition, Bible study and of course... food and football.

This year we have been working our way through 'The Journey of Life', a book based on Pilgrims Progress. It has been great to hear the young people relate



Competition time – which pair can build a house out of Duplo in 5 minutes.

Some were very elaborate!

characters to their own friends and think about how they can be living more like Jesus in a world that promotes self-pleasure and status.

We were delighted to be able to give Torbin, a Grade 8 pupil, new to secondary school this year, an award for 100% attendance. What a fantastic example he is to his family and friends.



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Working together to apply fertilizer to the maize seed planted in the Arise field for harvesting in 2025.

TESTIMONY TIME

For the past few years we have run an appeal for funds to purchase seed and fertilizer for some of our most vulnerable families. We are always amazed about how God touches the heart of other people hundreds of miles away to help people they don't know to have not only food on their table but the pride of being able to take care of their own family.

With the funds we raise we purchase the seed and fertilizer. Some families come to collect it and others have it delivered. The maize, if it grows well, will ensure that the family have their staple food throughout the following the year. For many guardians who do not have jobs, going out to work in their field is something to do each day and also a way of life that they want to pass on to their children. We are so grateful to all those who helped us with this years' appeal, we were able to help and bless more families than we expected. THANK YOU!

The cabbage and onion planted last term was enjoyed by all our families this term and new vegetable seeds were planted in their place. In the month of October it is the time of year to prepare fields for planting maize, the staple food source in Zambia. November is planting season – once there has been some signs of the rain starting. We have used a significant portion of our field for Maize however the area is smaller than last year due to a new road we are in the process of building for access to our site.

Every Friday we have continued to see approximately half of our guardians in the field, hoeing, weeding, planting, watering, mulching or harvesting. They are enjoying both working together and taking produce home at the end.

It is always wonderful to see such joy on their faces and hear them laughing together as they work. We are beginning to see and hear that the way they tend to the Arise field is what they are now doing in their own fields at home. We are all now trusting God to supply the rain needed.



Tryness and Mavis collecting a bag of maize seed to plant in their fields for food next year

Prayer Points

1. Please pray for all our pupils as they move to a new grade with a new teacher in January. Pray for them to settle quickly and be hungry to learn.
2. Praise the Lord for the rain that has started to fall in term 3, please pray it continues and we have a good rainy season this year.
3. Thank God for all his provision of funds, wisdom, healing, materials, human resources, everything we have needed to get through 2024.
4. Pray for both the staff and members to grow more like Christ that we may be salt and light in our community and see more people come to know Jesus.

School opens for term 1 on Monday 13th January 2025 and closes on Friday 11th April 2025.

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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