

Naomi's Zambian News



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No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

Mulishani Friends!

Are we already at the end of January? Where did that month go! Praise the Lord prayers have been answered and we have been having a lot of rain this year. The fields are looking green and the maize is healthy, hallelujah! We are very blessed to have rivers and wells filling again but the challenges of flooding and leaky roofs are now something we are contending with. It did not rain as much as expected in December but it has been torrential rain for most of January and will likely continue for February and March. The dryer weather enabled jobs to be done more easily at the end of the year and my parents who came to visit also enjoyed the warmth, a very welcome change from the UK temperatures. We had a lovely time catching up on news and sharing ideas for the future. As always it was lovely to have some meals cooked for me and extra pairs of hands for practical tasks. There were a few difficult days when situations arose that were out of our control but God was so good in the way He brought us through by His power.



My parents joined me for some lovely walks in Zambia at Christmas time.

ARISE

Our parenting course was a huge success and the guardians felt really proud of themselves for coming and learning. It was delightful to see their joy at receiving certificates at the end. We also heard from some that they no longer used physical harm to discipline their children at home and it has made a positive impact on the children who are now behaving much better. What a great testimony to the other parents!

The pupils who completed primary last year were very excited to now be part of Arise youth. We had 28 young people at our first youth club of the year and have seen many of them coming to study in the Arise room even before the school had opened. God is giving them a hunger to learn and their parents are now encouraging them to focus more on their education. With this change of mind-set, we hope to see grades and school attendance improve this year beyond what pupils and parents think is possible.



New members of Arise youth enjoying lunch: egg, rice and veg on a Saturday after games and discipleship



We have had many very excited pupils collecting new uniforms and shoes to start 2025

KAPUMPE

2025 has started for most pupils but not pre-school and Grade 1 as there is a new curriculum coming out so they will begin mid-February. For all the staff and pupils on site it has been an exciting start to the year after a long break from school. Some teachers have moved grades and there definitely seems to be an eagerness among the staff to develop. Our school theme for this year is 'Digging Deeper' and we hope that both pupils and staff will have a desire to do more than a little and go into more depth as they learn academically and through reading the Bible.

Something that caught everyone's eye were the wonderful new paintings my dad did on the outside walls to help with lessons in each subject. Not only do the children love looking at them in the morning and a break but they also read all the labels, ask questions and discuss them with others. We hope to see more independent thinking and questioning as we all strive to grow this year.

Buckets of Blessings

A huge THANK YOU! to everyone who donated to our bucket appeal. Our guardians enjoyed the end of year celebration and it was wonderful to hear testimonies. One lady managed to save small amounts of money until she was able to buy a motorbike which is now used for a taxi business. The families were very blessed to have the provisions and home essentials which have become so expensive. Praise the Lord for enabling us to share His love.



End of year celebration with bucket and soya distribution



The bypass lane of the Mufulira Road is not really a road in the rainy season

I hope you have had a great start to the year, seeing God's blessing, provision and protection in your life. It is very true that we cannot even imagine what God has in store for us but I know that it is far better than I can imagine so I have no need to fear. May this knowledge bring you peace and joy as you journey through 2025. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Naomi ☺

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the much needed rains, pray for the crops to stay healthy until harvest time.
- Thank God for his provision of finances for all the projects' needs; please pray for wisdom to spend this money and how to raise more.
- Please pray for God's guidance with how to help the project and all who are part of it develop this year.
- Thank God for providing the right people to help with different situations, please pray we can find a new contractor for our drive.
- Praise the Lord for giving me the energy and health that I have needed each day and for the courage to make tough decisions.

The Mufulira Road

As you can see from the picture above, the main road is still under construction and we are driving on the cleared land at the side of the road, which is now more like a river in many places. Not only does this make driving hazardous but also travelling to town a huge challenge for people in Kaniki. Teachers arrive late, guardians cannot go to sell food in the big markets and supplies from town do not come out to the small shops so often. Please pray that the road can be finished this year and that people are safe as they continue to travel to and from Kaniki.

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