

# Naomi's Zambian News



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*I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.*

*Psalm 69:30*

Mulishani Friends!

God is so good! Worthy of all praise and adoration. I hope you are also aware of God's goodness in your life. I'll just share a few of the reasons I have to praise God from the past 3 months. I'm sure you have many reasons to praise Him as well and I'd be very glad to hear about them sometime. When we praise and thank God I've discovered that not only am I drawn closer to God, I actually feel more energized and less phased by the challenges that lie ahead. I know sharing God's goodness glorifies Him so I hope this also inspires you to thank and praise God then share with others what He has done. Well, after a very busy December here, I wasn't bursting with energy for the new year yet somehow God gave me the boost I needed and we began 2026. At the beginning of February I became quite unwell needing the clinic for a few days. An army of warriors began praying and people rallied round to support me here and I was able to spend some time at home to recover. We have continued to have problems with the Zesco power and water but this term God provided the Mission Geeks to install our solar system and starlink internet as well as workers and finances for a new water pump, system and solar panels. Praise the Lord oh my soul!



*Burst tyre in the boot after a very loud 'BANG' just 2km from home.*

## ARISE

At the beginning of the year we welcomed some new pupils into project to begin pre-school. How exciting it is to think about all the potential that is inside them and what they will be able to achieve if they can complete school. We were also very happy to see 16 of our pupils move to secondary school and become part of our youth – nearly doubling the numbers!

What a privilege it is to walk alongside these children and their families through the events of life and be able to encourage them, support them and see them mature. It's wonderful to see children becoming more serious about their education and parents becoming more interested in being productive and good role models to their children.

Hopefully next season we will be able to bless many with blankets and hats so they can continue their efforts as we experience the low temperatures once again.



*Douglas is so proud to be a big pupil now he's Grade 2*

## Douglas' Story

This is a story of transformation. Douglas had a very tough start in life being raised by his grandmother who died when he was 5 and now living with his grandma's sister. Douglas used to fight, refuse to be in class and insult others. He was clearly intelligent and loved something about school as he kept coming. After the first 2 weeks this year Douglas settled and saw that we would continue to love him at Kapumpe. He is now like a new pupil! One of the most improved and best behaved.



*Our youth number is now at 40! How wonderful to see them wanting to study, grow in their faith and have fun playing games*



*Ernest and Emmanuel with their chitengi wall decorations made in Activity Week*

## KAPUMPE

Just when you think things couldn't get more challenging or busy – they do! This term has definitely had a hidden blessing for me at Kapumpe. As you may know we have not had a head teacher as he finished at the end of last year. I have been filling in as best I can which has meant being based in the heads office, this has resulted in me getting to know the pupils and daily functioning of school better.

We appointed a new administrator, Mr Chobela, who began in January. He has been eager to learn, helpful around school and able to stand in for the head teacher at official meetings.

School has managed to continue functioning as usual with Activity Week, Careers Day and all the regular routines. The staff have worked hard as well as the pupils to learn and grow both academically and spiritually. It's fantastic when you can see development and definitely a test of faith when you are hanging in, waiting for the development to happen.



*Solar panels on the Arise roof getting lots of sun*

Hopefully you have seen there is so much to praise God for here, and these are just a few of the highlights. Although not a day goes by without its trials, there's also no day without a reason to praise the Lord. The challenge for both me and you is to look for these reasons to praise and choose to set our focus on them, on the one who is working all things for good, Jesus Christ.

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## Prayer Points

- Thank God for His protection and healing.
- Praise the Lord for our large number of youth, pray that they will have a desire to learn more about God and stay in school.
- Praise the Lord for His guidance and strength as we have navigated the term without a head teacher. Please pray the right person applies for the position soon.
- Thank God for the bounty of crops people have, pray for their continued protection until harvest time.
- Pray for all the staff and pupils to stay well and energised through the cold season.
- Pray for wisdom as we make decisions and for God's peace as we live for His glory.

## We Have Power!

Once again a really big thank you to all of you who supported our solar appeal. The panels and batteries installed I'm told are quite powerful so if we need to connect more things in future ie: many computers for ICT lessons our system will be able to cope. Hallelujah! I love the fact that it is all automatic, it regulates itself and has surge protectors. Thank you Lord for such an easy system for me to use. The Mission Geeks also installed starlink for us so that we can begin to use some things on the internet to help both our learners and teachers' development. What a blessing to have these important systems in place.

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