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But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

Psalm 33:18

Mulishani Friends!

This verse from the book of Psalms I have known to be true these past few months. God's eyes have definitely been on me and the project. I have been aware of His presence in very real ways and conscious that He sees me. Whether I feel close to the Lord or not, whether things are going to plan or not, God has made it clear that He sees me – He knows what I need, the project needs and is able to direct us, provide for us, inspire and bless us just because He loves us. What an amazing God He is!

I'm sure there are many of you who can identify with not feeling like you have all the answers or knowledge needed... How do you get water to come when you don't know why it's stopped? Where will you find people you've not seen for a year? How do you pay business fees and licences when you are not a business? Will the power cut before I have finished this job? The wonderful thing is, we don't need all the answers when we trust in God, we just need to be still enough to hear His answers.

ARISE

We have been able to get out on many visits this term and so often they have been clearly orchestrated by the Holy Spirit either by how we find people in the community or it being the exact time they needed us to visit. Praise the Lord for His constant direction!

Attendance from our children and youth has improved this term and it is so wonderful to have the food and resources God has provided for everyone. Not only are the children learning about God in the Bible stories but also seeing His provision and love for them at Arise.

The guardians have also increased in number on Tuesday's and Friday's. Many are becoming good role models to the children in their care however we are aware that many are still struggling to know how to parent. We will be running a series of Biblical parenting sessions in 2024 specifically tailored to the challenges guardians face.



Edward, Aulent and Bernard proudly showing their memory verses cards



Anna receiving her end of term award for improvement in all areas at school.

KAPUMPE

Term 3 is now coming to a close and the pupils are definitely looking ready to move up to the next grade. We have seen amazing growth and maturity from some of the pupils this term and there has been a particular buzz for drawing and colouring sweeping the school. Many teachers now find pupils bringing them pictures and notes saying 'thank you' and 'I love you'. What a great encouragement this has been for the staff to know their efforts are having an impact and how wonderful that the pupils are so happy at school.

It's been a busy term with trips to town and the honey farm, as well as employing a new teacher, fixing the water tower and getting exam status for 2024. We know that the smooth running of the school and the progress we are seeing is the fruit of many people's prayers so I would like to say a huge thank you for praying for Kapumpe.



End of year staff party, a much appreciated gift from a Danish supporter



Prime land donated for NCF building

Ndola Christian Fellowship

NCF meets in town on a Sunday and is where I often go for church. For many years NCF has been renting a hall but this has not been possible for a while. We have been meeting under an nsaka at someone's farm, a beautiful place, but it has its limitations. One of our members was going to use this land he had for a shop as it is right opposite the football stadium and next to a hotel but God made it clear He wanted it for a church so He can be exalted in this area.



Old road on the left, new on the right... although they don't look much different.

As we are now entering the Christmas season may you find time to be still and listen to God's answers to your questions. Remember He sent Jesus into the world to be the ultimate answer to the world's problems. Let us pray the world listens to God's voice. Thank you for all the encouragement and prayers throughout this year. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

Naomi ☺

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord that the Mufulira Road is finally being worked on. Pray that we can continue to pass through the rainy season.
- Thank God for the improved attendance at Arise, pray that the children and guardians begin to make life changes as they hear more of God's word.
- Please pray for the staff to have quality rest over the holiday and return refreshed and eager to work and learn in 2024.
- Praise the Lord for His guidance and provision through 2023, pray for more wisdom and courage to manage the challenges of the new year.
- Thank God for His constant presence.

The Mufulira Road

Our road is becoming a dual carriageway! I still can't quite believe it, I had heard that this was a possibility but thought it would be rather a lot of work. Well they have been digging up trees, forcing members to move and sell produce somewhere else then dumping stone and laterite to make a new road foundation. As you can see from the picture we are now in rainy season and dirt roads are not always easy to pass through in the rains. It has been good to also see them patching the old road a little so there is still a way for traffic to pass.

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