

Naomi's Zambian News



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The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold you peace.

Exodus 14:14

Mulishani Friends!

My previous newsletter feels like it was about a year ago as so much has happened since it was written. Before writing my newsletters I always read the previous one so as to keep some continuity. I must admit as I read the previous one I was so encouraged to read how faithful God had been and was reminded of His sovereignty in my life and the work of AKOP. It was just what I needed to read! If you have never tried journaling any of God's goodness in your life can I encourage you to do so. If like me you do write at times but don't read them, can I encourage you to open up your own testimony – you'll be amazed at the power and faith it ignites in you to continue through your challenges and share about the indescribable love of God.

Since the beginning of the year I've been rediscovering the amazing peace and wisdom of God that comes from times of prayer and Bible reading. As the song accurately says, 'No matter what state my heart is in, You are faithful, to answer, with words that are true and a hope that is real.' Hallelujah!

ARISE

2022 began with my visits to families who were hoping to receive support from Arise. I am always so grateful for Agnes and Lister who work alongside me in Arise. They often think of questions and ideas that I would never think of. Once the new families had been informed they came with all the other pupils to collect books and uniform for the new school year. January is a very busy month for Arise but as school opening was delayed we had an extra 2 weeks to complete our tasks.

Despite it being rainy season we are still able to get out on visits although some houses we can't reach at the moment. We have visited all our new families and all those who sat exams last year. Sadly not everyone passed but the pupils would like to stay in school and resit the exams to which we have agreed. Our desire is to see all our pupils gain their Grade 12 school certificate.



Our wonderful G10-12's were so glad to come back to Saturday Studies



Pupils collecting rewards from the head teacher at the end of the day

KAPUMPE

It feels like we hit the ground running in January as we had 2 weeks extra to prepare lessons and rooms for the pupils. Our school theme this year, 'Love is...' has been challenging pupils and staff from day 1 to think how they can show love. It has already had an impact as there have not been as many behaviour problems as last term.

Our new Grade 2 teacher has settled well and has shown herself to be a very reflective teacher which is great. Every grade has at least one new pupil but you can't tell who as they have immediately become part of the Kapumpe family.

As staff this year we are focusing on developing writing at the school and the teachers are loving learning about how we write and process thoughts as well as new vocabulary every week. Hopefully we will soon see the impact of this training in the pupils writing. It will be wonderful to see them write as confidently as they can speak.



Making a surprise appearance at my sister's birthday party via skype

Arise Block

As you can see from the photo the painting has started. I never expected to have an office to work from but having had a base for the past few weeks now I can say it has made a remarkable difference to my productivity during the day. Thank you Lord for this amazing blessing! Once each room is painted we will move in furniture then begin to shift the resources into the right places. Hopefully by the beginning of term 2 the building will be fully functioning. This will also mean that we can begin our discipleship programme for our younger pupils again on a Thursday afternoon which they are very excited about.



Much needed office space ready for use



Driving in Kaniki during the rainy season

God's goodness includes some visitors booking flights to Zambia this year which will bless so many people. Let's continue to be ready to be used by God, for His glory as we trust and wait on Him. Thank you to all of you who have been praying for me over the past few months. I have felt upheld and strengthened beyond words. God bless and strengthen you.

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Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord the Arise block is nearly finished. Please pray that we can get it set up for term 2.
- Pray for our families and pupils during this stormy season, that both themselves and their houses as well as their crops are protected from significant damage.
- Thank God for His faithfulness in providing for our needs: finances, vehicles, food... Pray for wisdom as we use God's provision.
- Please pray for the head teacher and myself as we have some big decisions to make following government changes in education.

Rainy Season

We are now well and truly in the rainy season; the air is much cooler, nights are cold and everyday there is rain. Many local bush roads are not passable with the vehicle. I have not been able to get to Kamfinsa for some time but Pastor Albert has been to update me. They noticed a large crack in the bakery wall so moved the ovens out. At the end of February, one of the walls collapsed due to the rains. Pastor Manfred has said Misaka bakery is going well although bringing ingredients from town is difficult. Our fields do need the rains though.

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