

# Arise Orphan Project

**Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.**



**ARISE**



*Josephine led the way to her house as each year the paths we can take change slightly.*

## HOT SEASON VISITS

In August, the weather begins to warm in Zambia, September and October are our hot, dry months. This makes it the perfect time to visit our families who live deep in the bush. We can only drive to Ngwenya when the ground is very firm and dry. Once we have parked the car, the rest of the journey is on foot. The guardians who live here spend about two and a half hours walking to get to the office. The pupils usually ride the family bicycle to get to school which takes about 40 minutes. Every year during hot season we make visits to our families living here as we know how special it is for them when we go to their home. These visits also allow us to better understand each family's situation, assess the support they need and see how we can encourage them to achieve their potential.

## EVERYONE LOVES REWARDS

During term 3 we had a special celebration with games and a meal for all our guardians who have been regularly attending Arise activities. When the invitations went out it was clear that it was a big reward for those invited and motivation to start coming more often for those who were not invited. It was clearly a very special event as people came in their best clothes and many even had their hair done especially. We played lots of games that everyone could join in with including skittles. Every opportunity was seized to explain to the guardians that, 'what we are doing here you can do at home with your children.' Hopefully they went home and played these games with their children to help them with their maths and literacy skills. Many guardians are wondering if they will be invited to the next celebration meal.



*A very proud Richard after getting a strike on his skittles debut*

## SPECIAL DELIVERY!



*This team was believed to be Australia*

Our football club has definitely got quite a reputation in the area for our excellent discipline and skill. One way to reward the boys for their hard work was to provide some new kits for them. With the help of KIT AID who donated the uniforms we are now able to have a few strips meaning 2 teams can play at the same time. The boys were delighted to feel like professionals.



*It was thought this team was the new Barcelona*



## ARISE KIDS

How wonderful it is when brothers and sisters in Christ work together for the glory of God. It was great for many of us to see our friends Tim and Gemma Mills along with their girls Abigail and Hannah this term. The Mills family started Kapumpe school and ran the Arise project for a



Visitors from a YWAM team leading a special kids club

number of years. After some time back in the UK, they have returned to Zambia to work with YWAM. The programme they now run involves outreach which is putting into

practice what they have learned about sharing the gospel. We were delighted that they wanted to visit us as part of their outreach. The 6 young people they brought with them were great role models to our children and the new songs, games and video were all very exciting. I know there is always a special buzz in the atmosphere when we have



Demonstrating our artistic skills by drawing self portraits

visitors. **If you might be interested in coming to visit us** and making a huge impact in the lives of these children we'd love to hear from you. Please email us using the address on the last page.

For a number of weeks this term we have been learning from the life of Daniel; seeing how God was always with him, helping him to do what was right even though it was never easy. The same remains for all ages in the world today – doing what is right is not usually easy but God is always there



Building our own statues using Duplo

to help us and often shows His power and glory through our simple obedience to Him. What a challenge we have given our kids over the Christmas holiday! 'Do what you know is right,

if no one else does it, don't be afraid.' These kids are sharing the truth of God's word with their friends, let's pray they have the courage to continue.

## ARISE YOUTH

Serious competition now exists for our teenagers. The question they are all asking is 'Do I go to school or do I earn money?' For many the idea of earning their own money, (most often for food, sometimes clothes) is extremely enticing. We have had a number of pupils missing odd days initially telling us they were sick but later admitting they went to work somewhere. With the rapid development that is taking place in Kaniki it is very easy to find someone who will pay a child to do simple jobs.



Moses, Given and Victor making cards and crafts at youth

Arise has been increasing the number of follow ups we do on our secondary school pupils as well as increasing the awards given to those attending school and coming for studies. We have also invested in more games and crafts for our Saturday youth programme so that once a month they can come to play, have fun, make things, learn about God, eat food... no studying necessary. There has been a good number coming on Saturday's and they really listen carefully when we discuss the Bible passages. Some of them ask great questions which show they really want to understand who Jesus is and how they can live as a Christian. Our hope and prayer is for these young people to develop a lifelong love of learning to not only help them to grow but also their children.



Saturday Bible study with our teenagers



## FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



*Planting lots of maize in the Arise field for the 2024 harvest*

Once again we are watching the weather and seeing the signs that the rains have definitely started to be regular. This means that it is time to plant maize for next year's consumption. Although it sounds a simple sentence it is far from simple in practice. Initially the ground needs to be cleared – weeds, old maize stalks, anything that will hinder growth is removed. Channels are then made in the soil using a string to get a straight line. Holes are then dug about a foot apart for a double handed scoop of chicken manure to go in. This is followed by a couple of seeds which are then covered over ready to grow. After a couple of weeks, when the green shoots start to appear a handful of top dressing fertilizer is applied to ensure the maize cobs are a good size. Praise the Lord for his amazing creation of seeds.

### TESTIMONY TIME

Some of you who have been following us for many years may remember a little boy called Lawrence who lived in Kaniki. He was unable to walk so had never been far from home, let alone been to school. His parents approached us for help and asked if he could come to Kapumpe if they cycled him to school each day. We agreed as we felt we could help him have an education. It turned out that Lawrence was very clever and although we loved having him at Kapumpe, we were not set up to cater for disabled pupils. His parents asked us if we could help to pay for him to continue his education at a school for disabled pupils in town. Arise agreed to help by paying his school fees if the family could meet the other costs.

It was a delight to see Lawrence walking to the office unaided recently, bringing his excellent school report to show us. Lawrence is especially talented in maths and is very grateful for the opportunities he has been given.



*Mr Bwalya walked to Arise with his son Lawrence who was not able to walk unaided 7 years ago*

### Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for His provision enabling us to help 20 families with seed and fertilizer. Please pray the maize crops grow well and we have a good rainfall this year.
2. Please pray for all our pupils as there seems to be increasing pressure not to attend school every day. Many are offered money to do work and they all would like money.
3. Thank God for His protection and blessings enabling us to reach the end of term 3.
4. Pray for the Arise team as they seek opportunities to share Biblical principles for living and raising children through the project.

School opens for term 1 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and closes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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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