

Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



Digging the trenches to mark out the Arise Block



Curing the slab with rain for the Arise Block

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Here in Zambia we are always preparing for tomorrow, the next week or season – even though we don't know entirely what it will look like and many people don't plan ahead. Through education and empowerment we are seeing many guardians more able to support their families and overcome life's daily challenges as we help them to plan for the future.

This term we have been busy building homes and roofs ready for the rainy season, building confidence in our members to be proactive during these unusual months and building our Arise block.

We know that to be able to continue our work we need a building for teaching and resources. We hope to complete the building in 2021 once the funds have been raised.



Laying the foundations for the Arise Block



Preparing to lay the final slab of the Arise Block

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Our guardians often come to Arise for help, advice, to receive encouragement, hear from God's word or to learn practical skills. They know they are always welcome and leave feeling supported. Although they are very open to receive advice and support, it can be more of a challenge to change habits at home. As we make our weekly visits to houses we are always looking to see how families are applying what they learn from Arise.

A number of guardians have been learning 'farming God's way' in the Arise field; how to use the land and natural resources God has provided to care for the land and reap a good harvest. Over the years it has been clear that the guardians see the benefits of these different farming methods at Arise but believe they have to farm the same way they have always done at home. Sadly this also means that small portions of land are not used yet we continue to teach our guardians to use their abilities to honour God and help their families.



Paul and Rosemary were overjoyed to receive a bag of maize seed

On a recent visit to Paul and Rosemary, who have two young grandchildren to care for, we were delighted to see the land outside their rented house now cultivated with vegetables. Paul explained how he applied what he'd learnt at Arise and was very proud of the results. Rosemary also showed us a mat she had been making ready to sell. Our hope is that in future other guardians will apply what they've learnt at Arise.



Vegetables growing outside Paul and Rosemary's house



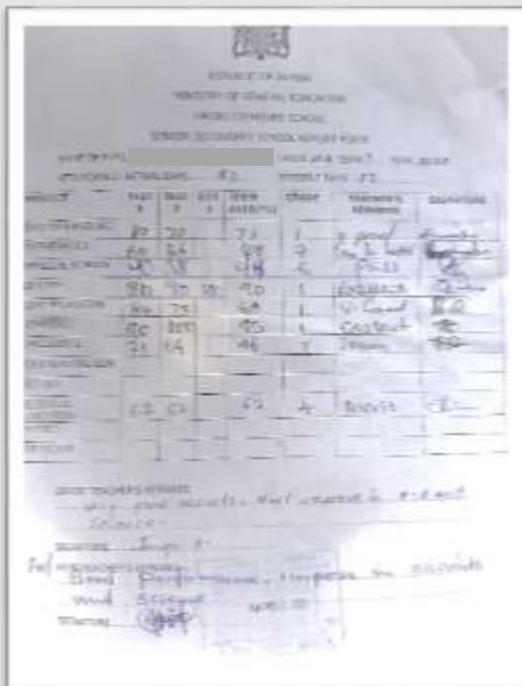
SCHOOL

As for many pupils around the world, this has been a difficult year for our pupils in Zambia. Only exam grades were allowed to attend school in term 2 so for the majority of pupils they were not in school for 6 months. This also meant that the pupils did very little or no academic work as online teaching facilities do not exist in rural communities.

The government did produce some audio lessons which aired on the radio for a number of weeks but as you can imagine not many families in Kaniki have radios or the luxury to sit and listen when food needs to be found.

The pupils in grades 7, 9 and 12 continued attending lessons albeit for shorter lessons and school days. Other grades were eager to join them for term 3. Most of our pupils returned to school and we have begun to see some very good school reports. This is really encouraging as pupils could have lost interest in school and decided they were having more fun at home. It is wonderful to also see the guardians beginning to see the value in education.

The school reports are not very detailed but at least they help us to see a pupils' general school performance as well as subjects they are particularly strong or weak in.



Please pray for our pupils sitting exams in December. Normally exams take place in October and November but they have been delayed this year. If pupils do not pass these government exams they are not able to progress to the next grade.

Grade 7 exams: 21st – 24th December (18 pupils)

Grade 9 exams: 7th – 24th December (10 pupils)

Grade 12 exams: 14th – 31st December (9 pupils)

There are no exams on Christmas Day.

SEED & FERTILIZER APPEAL

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our seed and fertilizer appeal this term. The staple food here in Zambia is nshima which is made from maize. Families survive by growing their own maize. When they do not have money to buy seed and fertilizer, many guardians question whether they will be able to feed their families in the next year.



Ungi and Eunice with their bags of seed to plant

These two lovely ladies pictured above were not expecting us to help them with their field although they didn't know how God would provide for them. In faith they prepared their fields and God answered their prayers through Arise. Thank you for being part of this answer to prayer.

BUCKET APPEAL

Every year we run a 'bucket appeal' where we raise money to buy a bucket and fill it with essentials for each of our families as a Christmas blessing. This year we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people wanting to buy a bucket to bless someone else.

We have not only raised enough money to buy each family a bucket and fill it but also to buy each family a 3kg sack of soya pieces. This will provide a great source of protein for many meals. Some might even be given away to neighbours who are also in need.

We will hold our big meeting on 28th December this year for our guardians to meet together, worship God, share testimonies, hear notices, enjoy tea and buns and of course... collect their buckets.



After a number of visits to town we have nearly everything ready to fill the buckets – sometimes things are available in shops but there is no guarantee!

FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP

It has been another wonderful term at the Arise field. Although we were not able to have all the guardians



Rogers is one of our single guardians who loves to come and help in our field when he has finished jobs at home.

coming in to help us, the Arise staff worked hard and were able to

ensure there were always vegetables available for our families who had none. We have had onions, green beans, cabbages, spinach, Chinese lettuce and other local leafy greens – chibwabwa and kanunka.

We have also prepared a larger portion of our field for maize than last year as we have the space, dedicated guardians and always a good harvest. We look forward to sharing more farming techniques and messages from God's word as we welcome all our guardians back to join us again in 2021.



Arise field vegetables



TESTIMONY TIME

God always has a plan! Often we make plans and can easily feel unravelled when our plans do not come together BUT there is no reason to lose our peace for God is always there bringing about His purposes.

One Wednesday this term we were in town with many bags of fertilizer waiting for our truck. Eventually we got hold of the driver who thought it was Tuesday and that's why he hadn't come. He then told us his truck could not go to the rural areas to deliver the fertilizer so we were at the office with fertilizer for 10 families!

We were told the next day that Moses (who used to work at KBU) had a truck that could go to the houses and he was available to help us. From being stuck in town one morning to having all the fertilizer delivered by the following afternoon, God reminded us to keep trusting Him because He always has a plan. Hallelujah!



John and Moses loading the fertilizer ready to be delivered.

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the response we have had to our appeals and the support we are now able to give so many families, pray that they know this provision is from their heavenly father.
2. Pray for the staff at Arise that they would have wisdom as they speak with individuals and hear God's voice for the project as they plan for 2021.
3. Praise the Lord that all the pupils were able to return to school this year. Pray for them to have a greater hunger for learning.
4. Pray for the funds to finish building the Arise block to come in.

Schools in Zambia will re-open on 4th January 2021 to begin Term 1. The Arise Orphan Project continues to run all year round.

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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