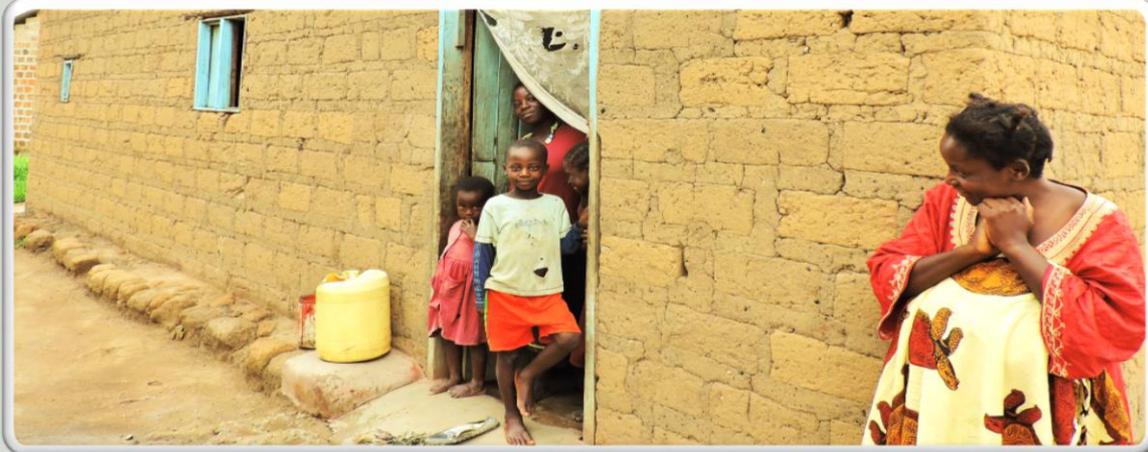


ARISE



Hello from Zambia!

Arise, formerly known as Kaniki Orphans Project (KOP), is based just outside the city of Ndola in the Copperbelt region of Zambia. We support orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians in Kaniki and the surrounding areas. 2015 has been a busy year and we wanted to tell you a bit about the work we've been doing here.

We are extremely grateful for you and all of our Arise supporters who have enabled us to support more than 160 orphans/vulnerable children and their guardians this year. You have helped us make a difference in many lives.

Celebrating Arise successes

This year we have been delighted to celebrate the great achievements of some of our Arise members:

- **Cacious** is the first member of Arise to study for a degree. He was given a full bursary to study at Copperbelt University in Kitwe and we have been able to support him with funds for his registration and accommodation.
- **Dennis** is another young man who we have helped attend college – in fact he's the first person from his community (Kamfinsa) to ever do so! He is now in his first year of teacher training at Mufilira College.
- **Bright** is an orphan who was supported by Arise until he finished school in 2011. He recently came to visit us with a letter of thanks for the support he received. Since leaving school, he has completed college and qualified as a teacher.
- **Doris** is an Arise guardian who has taken on the role of cook and cleaner at Kapumpe Christian Primary School. She is diligent and enthusiastic in her work, and having an opportunity to work has given her a level of dignity. She is now able to provide food and buy school shoes for her four children, which she struggled to do previously.



Cacious



Dennis



Lister and Bright



Doris serving breakfast at Kapumpe



CHRISTMAS GIFTS



We would like to bless the most vulnerable families who we support by giving them a Christmas gift this year. Just £5 or £10 will provide a bucket or bowl of essential items for those who need them (see pictures above). If you would like to make a donation towards this, please contact Ellie at kop@kaniki.dk or choose one of the payment options on page 3 of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Challenges and Blessings

This year has been a time of challenge but also of God's blessing. The predicted income for Arise was not going to be sufficient to pay for all our costs. Yet God provided – here are some examples of the challenges and blessings that we have experienced:

- **School fees** are due here by the end of May. If they're not paid, we receive reminders and occasionally children are asked not to return to school until their fees are fully paid. We prayed that God would provide for the shortfall in our funds so that would not happen. In September we received donations that covered all of the money needed to complete our payments. We paid the last school fees on 1st October, just in time for the children's exams. We are very grateful for God's amazing provision.
- **Several families** who we support are particularly vulnerable. One of our guardians is a widow named Charity who lives in Kamalasha with her three teenage sons. Sadly Charity has been sick for 8 years, is bed-bound and suffers from horrendous sores on her head, hands and feet. It is difficult to know how to best support her but we try and visit regularly to encourage her and take food for the family. Life is difficult for her sons but they are all very hardworking and doing well at school – a credit to their Mum.
- **The economy** has meant a very challenging time for people in Zambia over the past few months. The Kwacha, which is the local currency, is weakening by the day. At the start of the year, it was 10 Kwacha to the pound but at the time of writing it now stands at 20.6 to the pound. Shops and businesses are having to increase their prices and the rising price of food is a major concern for our guardians.
- **Power** is a real issue here. Due to poor investment in the Kariba Dam which provides most of the country's electricity through hydropower, we now have regular load shedding (no power) for at least 8 hours a day. When there is no power, there is also no water here at Kaniki Bible University College which increases the challenges for those of us living here.
- **Ellie and Rosie** arrived in January to teach Grades 1 and 2 at Kapumpe Christian Primary School. In the afternoons, they work with Arise, along with Evangeline and Lister, our two Zambian volunteers. The team spend two afternoons a week visiting guardians in Kaniki and the surrounding areas of Kamalasha, Kamfinsa and Mwekela, and then another afternoon in the office with people that come to us for help.



Charity's eldest son at their house



2015 Arise Events

Nsobe trip

In April we had hoped to take our Grade 10 Arise students on a three day trip to Nsobe Game Camp. However, rain unfortunately scuppered our plans!

Nonetheless, we continued with as much of the programme as possible. We played games, taught them how to play rounders, enjoyed some Bible teaching, lit a campfire, watched a film, and even slept in the school building for a night!

We did manage a day trip to Nsobe, which was amazing. Most of the children had never seen a lake before, let alone animals such as giraffes and impala. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was a real pleasure to see the smiles on their faces.



Some of the bras ready for distribution



Two of our Grade 10 boys bravely holding a snake!



Grade 10 students and the Arise team at Nsobe

Prayer Points

1. For God's provision for next year, especially as the cost of school fees is likely to go up.
2. For healing for Charity, peace for her sons and wisdom for the Arise team in knowing how best to support them.
3. For families in Kaniki, Kamalasha, Kamfinsa and Mwekela who are struggling due to increased food prices and wells drying up.
4. For stability in the Zambian economy and that the Kwacha would increase in value.

Clothes distribution and bra amnesty

In May we ran a clothes distribution, where children and guardians could come to collect items of free clothing. The month of May marks the start of the cold season in Zambia so people were very grateful for the extra layers.

Underwear was also in demand. In fact, very few of the women in the surrounding villages own a bra, simply because they can't afford to buy one.

This led us to the idea of a bra amnesty! We were overwhelmed by the response of friends, families and supporters in the UK who donated over 500 bras! A big thank you to everyone who donated.

In fact, we received so many bras that we were to distribute them among women and girls in Arise and also give some to other Zambian women living or working in Kaniki.

If you would like to support the work of Arise, please visit www.kaniki.org/support and click the link to 'BT My Donate: Kaniki Orphans Project'.

Alternatively you can e-mail us at kop@kaniki.dk and ask for bank details.

You can also visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KanikiOrphansProject> for photos and news updates.
