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Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.

Jeremiah 32:17

Mulishani Friends!

Wahoo - the warm weather is back! What a busy but wonderfully blessed time the last season has been. Although in many ways the lack of power and water has devastated the country of Zambia, everyone has been supporting one another and sharing advice on ways to work through the crisis. Due to it being the worst drought in 40 years the land and rivers will take some time to recover; hope is on the horizon however as we have already begun to see signs of the rains across the country. We are optimistic that the rains will not finish early and people will have a bountiful crop this year.

It was such a joy to share this beautiful country with a couple of members of my family in September along with the amazing work the project does in the local community. As well as it being special to have family here, it was really great to see the awe and wonder in the local environment through the eyes of people who hadn't seen it before. Our God is an amazing creator and sovereign over every situation.



Loved having my cousin Bethany and her husband Vinnie to visit!

ARISE

Something very exciting has begun this term – our parenting course! This programme has been designed to help our guardians to be godly parents to their children and/or dependents. We cover topics such as family, love, discipline, roles and responsibilities and boundaries to name a few. Out of our 77 adults we are having about 50 attend each week and they love not only the games and fun but also the freedom to discuss difficult situations at home in a safe environment with others who are facing similar challenges. It has been wonderful to see the guardians grow closer together this term as they support one another.

We have also had lots of fun at kids club and youth and continue to take every opportunity to disciple these young people with the truth of the Bible. Hopefully they are putting into practice what they learn and seeing the difference Jesus makes to life.



Guardians playing games as part of the new parenting course – they can be quite competitive!



Pupils have been extremely creative this term both at home and at school

KAPUMPE

It seems very strange to think that our Grade 7's are just about to sit their final exams and then it will nearly be the end of another school year. We have seen a lot happen at Kapumpe and there seems to have been a particular focus on developing creativity. Hopefully the pupils have enjoyed coming to school as well being more imaginative.

There is still a lot we would like to work on at the school and a number of pupils we know still need some extra support. During the final topic we will be doing our best to help the pupils be ready for next year.

We were blessed to have a number of visitors over the past month, Bethany and Vinnie as well as Tim and Gemma with a YWAM team. All these people have been fantastic supports to teachers and pupils from listening to readers to doing small group work. We have really appreciated all the input and encouragement from visitors.



The new and improved bakery in Kamfinsa is now nearly finished

Kamfinsa Bakery

Some of you may remember that there used to be a bakery in Kamfinsa, it began about 5 years ago. The building collapsed last year so we have been rebuilding from burning the bricks to fitting glass windows. The remodelled bakery includes a store room and shop room with window hatch. The main challenge now is a reliable water supply as the wells are dry and the pump is broken. We are looking at different possibilities that will benefit the community.



Praise the Lord that the Mufulira Road is being worked on and so is our driveway

Thank you to everyone who was praying for me regarding the car troubles and times I was not well over the past few months. I have been very aware that people are praying and had peace that God is sovereign over every situation. May you know His peace in every situation of your life as you look to God, the creator and sustainer of all things.

Naomi ☺

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for going ahead of us and preparing things that we might walk in His goodness and provision.
- Please pray for the Grade 7 and 9 pupils to be able to do their best in their exams and score enough points to be able to continue to the next grade.
- Thank God for His bringing about of our road work. Please pray for wisdom to get it finished well and also for the funds for a new entrance and gate.
- Thank God for the way we can support families with seed and fertilizer, pray for good rains as we begin planting.
- Praise the Lord for sustaining and loving me.

Arise Kapumpe Road

The main road outside the project has been worked on for over a year now. Although progress is slow, it is still happening. Some visitors suggested that we ask the workers if they might be able to help construct our road and driveway. The YWAM team did a great job at negotiating this, including in Mandarin with the Chinese bosses. As a result, one of the machine operators told us he could help when he finished his daily hours. Praise the Lord! Phase two will be making our own entrance and gate for the project once the road is finished.

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