



ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

Newsletter – March 2019



*“As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
“so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:10-11*

Orbus News – March 2019:

The CCAP Orbus Mission Primary and Secondary Schools

Enrolment numbers as at March 2019: Primary 368 + Secondary 98 for a total of 466. Boarders 42. Orphans and vulnerable: 130.

Report from the Secondary Head Teacher:

Orbus Farm:

- Maize harvest is promising for this year.
- Stocking has started.
- This April we are selling sugarcanes
- There are 13 goats
- Broilers rearing to start soon, after maintenance of the kraal and revamping of solar water pump to have reliable water system.
- Money for broilers will come from selling three he goats.
- Vegetable plot to be cleared by mid April 2019

(C2) Building:

- Renovated the other hostel and is now accommodating male students.
- Planning to change the switches at the teaching area at the secondary, thus outside security lights to be outside so that watchmen can access the switching on and off.
- Planned to connect the water system to the flush toilets at the primary but delayed due to water problem as Blantyre water board water is expensive for a small school like Orbus.
- More on the developmental plan.

The Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. (OMA) funded development work in 2019 includes attempts to finish off the 2nd secondary classroom building started (photos below) and the new teacher's accommodation building (photos below). This is in addition to OMA's regular monthly teacher's and staff wages contribution and other minor expenses.



Finances: Current OMA funds are approximately A\$21,000.

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Prayer Requests:

- Give thanks for the new Orbus Mission Secondary School Head Teacher John Milanzi and pray for his success in advancing the school.
- Pray for the children attending the Orbus Centre to put their trust in Jesus.
- For the provision of the OVC children's material needs.
- For the Orbus teachers, staff and volunteers in Malawi.
- For the completion of the teachers accommodation building.
- For an Australian family preparing to visit later this year.

In Jesus Name,

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*“But you, Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.”
(Psalm 3:3)*

Having established the Orbus Centre in 2010 in Daniel Village, Ngumbe, Blantyre, Malawi, the Centre continues as a joint mission between OMA, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Blantyre Synod and the Presbyterian Church of Victoria (Australia). The Centre comprises the Orbus Mission Primary School and Secondary School and a small-scale farming project.



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