



ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

Newsletter – June 2019



*The Orbus Mission Primary and Secondary Schools 2018*



*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

**Orbus News – June 2019:**

**Development Plan 2019 to 2025**

The Orbus Mission Secondary School Head Teacher Mr. John Milanzi has overseen the formulation a 6 year development plan which I would like to share with you for your prayer and in case you feel compelled to become involved in some way to bring these plans to fruition:

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS: 2019- 2025**

<b>TERM</b>	<b><u>SHORT</u></b>	<b><u>MEDIUM</u></b>	<b><u>LONG</u></b>
<b>SECTION</b>	<b><u>2months- 1 year</u></b>	<b><u>1 year- 2 years</u></b>	<b><u>3years- 6 years</u></b>
SECONDARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maintaining solar water pump</li> <li>-Finishing classroom,</li> <li>-Pit latrines,</li> <li>-Acquiring more teaching and learning materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Metallic cabinets and cash chest</li> <li>- Additional desks.</li> <li>-Improving the quality of burglar bars in the temporary offices.</li> <li>-Science apparatuses</li> <li>- Administration block, with a strong room for MANEB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Library</li> <li>-Additional hostels for both boys and girls</li> <li>-Teachers houses</li> <li>-Multipurpose hall.</li> </ul>
PRIMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pit latrine,</li> <li>-Teaching and learning materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Two blocks of two classrooms or One block of four classrooms.</li> <li>-More text books.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Teachers houses</li> </ul>
EDC/NURSERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Teaching and learning materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-One new classroom with a storeroom.</li> <li>-Painting and writing in the ECD classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Small kitchen for feeding program</li> </ul>
FARM AND BUILDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Capacity building of human personnel on sales and procurement procedures.</li> <li>-Maintaining leaking roofs and desks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revamp chicken farming.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Perimeter fence around Orbus Centre property.</li> </ul>

A big part of the Orbus mission from inception has been the desire to instil and encourage a sense of local initiative taking, solution conceiving and implementing, and independence from outside donors, aid and support. With the formulation of this development plan by the Orbus Head Teacher we see the project continuing to graduate toward this. Like a parent encouraging their child they are never far away, likewise OMA aims to remain involved and always looks at ways of helping.

*“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the unbelievers run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew. 6:31-33*

The opportunities at the Orbus Centre are big. From what has developed as a relatively strong foundation, an exciting educational institution could continue to emerge, with teachers, staff, facilities and resources all aimed at providing educational and other opportunities for children in an underprivileged situation, opportunities which they would probably otherwise not have.

Maybe now is the time for a renewed effort to take the project to "the next level" so to speak. A possible next contribution to this could be for OMA to help fund a double-story, main feature building in the secondary school to house classroom, administration, a computer room and a library. A reasonably high standard building could potentially be built for approximately A\$100,000. To provide better conditions for boarders in the near future improved boarding facilities will also be required. A new boarding block could be built and fitted out for less than A\$70,000.

It is okay to dream and plan big. What is the worst that could happen! As a foundational supporter of this twelve year old mission I invite you to pray as well as to consider whether you may be sensing a desire to become further involved, if so please contact me at [craig.manners@orbusministries.org](mailto:craig.manners@orbusministries.org)

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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 fulfilling the 2019-2025 development plan and 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 teacher's accommodation building.

In Jesus Name,

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*"Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day. Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 23:17-18*

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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