



ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA



"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Jesus Christ (John 4:13-14)

## About Orbus:

Orbus Ministries Australia Inc is a Christian not-for-profit volunteer charity which exists to demonstrate the love of God through word and deed to the weak and vulnerable.

The word Orbus comes from the Armenian word orb (-oy, -oc) meaning "orphan, fatherless (child)." From this comes (h) orbos, from which the Latin word Orbus is derived, with the modern meaning: "underprivileged, disadvantaged, neglected, defenseless, impoverished, needy, poor, orphan, bereaved, childless and destitute."

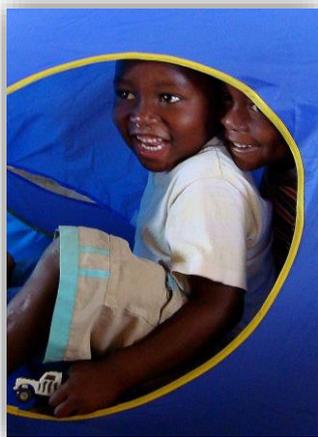
Orbus is motivated by gratitude and love to God: "This is love for God: to obey his commands" (1 John 5:3) ... such as: "to love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 19:19), "look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27), "do good to all people" (Gal. 6:10), be a Good Samaritan (Luke 10:37), feed the hungry, provide for the needy, care for the sick, visit the prisoner (Matt. 25:35-36).

Orbus had its beginnings in 2007 with the establishment of a ministry to AIDS orphans in the Central African country of Malawi.

Orbus is a Partner Mission Society of Australian Presbyterian World Mission, or APWM for short, and is governed by a board of five people from four different Presbyterian Church of Australia congregations. As a volunteer charity, there are no high administration costs for Orbus and nearly 100% of donated funds are used directly for ministry projects.

As a Christian charity Orbus tries to do good to all people in practical ways, all the while sharing the ultimate good available to mankind, the one thing that can truly help people, the gospel of salvation through trusting in Jesus Christ. The poorest of the poor are the richest of the rich if he or she has faith in Jesus, which is worth more than all the gold on earth.

As 19th century theologian and preacher Charles Spurgeon once said, "Poverty is a hard heritage; but those who trust in the Lord are made rich by faith. They know that they are not forgotten of God, and though it may seem that they are overlooked in His providential distribution of good things, they look for a time when all this shall be righted... The poor saint sings many a song which the rich sinner cannot understand."



Orbus' purpose is to establish and support projects which help people in need in the name of Jesus.

Two projects have been established to date:

**The Orbus Junior Primary School** in Ngumbe, Malawi, Africa, is a part of the Orbus Centre which is made up of a pre-school and a junior primary school for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), plus a small scale farming project on its 20 acre property. Orbus is educating approximately 250 children, providing a daily nutritious meal, Monday to Friday, and supporting 14 staff and their families.



In Malawi, Orbus' aims to help these children by assisting with the provision of education and skills development initiatives. Orbus has also assisted nearby impoverished villages with the provision of new water wells with manual pumps, building new houses for orphan families, as well as conducting general intermittent community orphan care as resources enable.



The Orbus Centre was officially opened in July 2010 and is now held in trust by the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian - (CCAP) Blantyre Synod, in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria (Australia), to be used for the purpose of caring for orphans and vulnerable children. Having established the project, Orbus Ministries Australia's ongoing role is to manage the Australian side, funding some resources, teachers and staff salaries as well as nutritious porridge for the children, and organizing volunteer visits.

The Orbus Pre-School was opened at the Orbus Centre in September 2010 and then the Orbus Junior Primary School was officially started in September 2011 with a single Grade 1 class. As at September 2014 there are now classes for Grade 1-5. Depending on available funds there are plans to start a Grade 6 class in September 2015 and the eventually have a full primary, and potentially a secondary school.



**Orbus House** in the south-eastern area of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia: Is a short-term residential program home for young women facing crisis pregnancy situations where they can be cared for and supported. It is one of OMA's hopes to establish a number of such homes around Melbourne to help provide an alternative choice for women, along with the practical support they need to be able to keep and raise their babies.

Orbus House in Australia was started in December 2013 and is a partnership with The Babes Project, a Christian organization based in Melbourne which provides professional and caring support and counselling for women in crisis pregnancy situations.



Orbus hopes to maintain these existing ministries, and to be used by God to establish new ministries in areas of need, either in Australia or overseas. By initiating such ministries Orbus aims to help individuals and communities come to know Jesus and to help reverse the cycles and consequences of poverty and hopelessness.

Orbus Ministries Australia Inc is a not-for-profit volunteer run charity with almost no administration costs. No Australian volunteers are paid or have their expenses paid from general donations made to Orbus.

**Donations can be made:**

By cheque:

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Please email us on [admin@orbusministries.org](mailto:admin@orbusministries.org) with the details of your donation so we can follow it up.



*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...defend the poor and needy.” Prov.31:8-9*

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