



## ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

December 2015 Newsletter



*“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.” (Proverbs 3:5-8)*

Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. is a Christian volunteer charity which exists to demonstrate the love of God through word and deed to the weak and vulnerable. The Orbus Centre in Ngumbe, Blantyre, Malawi is a joint project between Orbus Australia, the Presbyterian Church of Victoria (Australia) and the CCAP Blantyre Synod. We invite you to visit the Orbus Australia website at [www.OrbusMinistries.org](http://www.OrbusMinistries.org), to view the [Orbus Photo Albums](#) and to visit the Orbus Centre in Malawi.

## News Update- December 2015:

**Orbus Kindergarten and Primary School, Ngumbe, Malawi:** As we look back on 2015 we see a year of growth at the Orbus School, with a new classroom building added, a new grade started, a new teacher and new students. We saw enrolments reach 350 children from the kinder class to grade six. We saw a year of teaching, feeding and nurturing hundreds of underprivileged children. Most of all we see that these children heard about and grew in their knowledge of Jesus Christ, through whom is offered the greatest gift available to human beings: salvation and eternal life. So we look back and we see another year of God's grace at Orbus Ngumbe and we give thanks for 2015.

Now, as we look forward to 2016 we find that we have plans, hopes and dreams and, as usual, are in need of the Lord to establish our steps. ("In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9). As we start the year we ask that you join us in prayer asking for God's guidance as we seek to start the secondary school, build another classroom, build some teacher's accommodation, and be a blessing to the orphans and vulnerable children around Ngumbe.

We anticipate there will be more visitors in 2016, with indications already from people from Victoria, a teacher from the UK, and plans are under way for John and Sue Steendam to return for another season, for which we give thanks. Anyone wanting to visit the Orbus Centre please make contact at: [craig.manners@orbusministries.org](mailto:craig.manners@orbusministries.org)

*"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil."—C. S. Lewis*



**Bibles for Prisoners:** Orbus Ministries Australia are able to distribute Chichewa language Bibles (approx. A\$10 per Bible, depending on the exchange rate) directly to prisoners in Malawi through the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Blantyre Synod Prisons Chaplaincy. Anyone wanting to buy Chichewa Bibles can do so by sending the funds to Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. The funds will be forwarded with no administration costs. Please email us with your request.

In October the Year 8 French Class at St. Andrew's Christian College in Wantirna South, Victoria, conducted a fundraising event to purchase Chichewa language Bibles to distribute to prisoners in Malawi. They raised A\$880 which has been transferred to the CCAP Blantyre Synod and was used by the Prison Chaplain to buy 90 Bibles. Orbus and CCAP extend heartfelt gratitude to all the students at St. Andrews for this valuable gift and pray that God will use these 90 Bibles to spread the gospel, save souls and bless prisoners and their families in Malawi for many years to come.

**Orbus House, Australia:** Orbus House, in the south-eastern area of Melbourne, Australia has been, since December 2013, a short-term residential program home for young women facing crisis pregnancy situations, where they can be cared for and supported. It has been a partnership between *Orbus Ministries Australia Inc.* and *The Babes Project*, providing an alternative choice for women, with the practical support they need to be able to have, love and keep their babies.

Unfortunately due to legal complications in operating such a house *The Babes Project* have withdrawn from the partnership with OMA as of the end of December 2015. Orbus are now considering alternative use arrangements or the possibility of relinquishing the lease on the house.

### Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Malawi, especially the millions of children who suffer through the extreme poverty and struggles.
- For each of the children attending the Orbus Centre to put their trust in Jesus.
- For the provision of the children's material needs.
- Give thanks for the Orbus teachers, staff and volunteers in Malawi.
- Please pray for wisdom and guidance as plans commence to start the secondary school in 2016.
- Pray for the "Bibles for Prisoners" project, that many prisoners will be greatly blessed.
- Continue to pray for the two Orbus House" babies Daniel and Eden and their mothers.
- Pray for the future of the "Orbus House" project.

In Jesus,

*Craig Manners*

