



ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

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“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12 NIV

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 , [Facebook](#) page and to visit the Orbus Centre in Malawi.

News Update: March 2017

- Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. has established a [Facebook](#) page and invite you to “like” it.
- Plans are going well for the proposed Presbyterian Youth Victoria (PYV) Mission Trip to Orbus in June 2017. You can follow their progress at their [blog page](#).
- Plans are also under way for the hoped-for construction, resourcing and commencement of the proposed beginning of the Orbus Secondary School for OVC in September 2017.
- As well as the 10 member PYV team there are numerous other visitors from Australia and the U.K. planning to visit Malawi and Orbus in 2017, including my family and I for a few months.
- Orbus Ministries Australia Inc has recently obtained tax-deductibility status and Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) status. So donations to Orbus are now tax deductible. Donation details are on our website as follows: <http://www.orbusministries.org/donate.html>

News from Orbus in Malawi:

“REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER & END OF 2016-JANUARY 2017

MAIZE GARDEN: so far we have completed everything including weeding and fertilizer application. With good rains we anticipate good harvest as the crops seem promising. At present the gardeners are weeding pigeon peas fields. The activity is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

GOATS: At present we have 15 goats. Out of the number, four are males and eleven are females. The number is likely to increase very soon as most of the female are pregnant.

CHICKENS: As earlier reported that we were not allowed to purchase chicks between end of September to October this means that in the festive season we did not sale any chickens. However sales are likely to commerce in the second/third week of January 2017 so far we have chickens in four Kraals.

FINANCE: Between the months of August to December 2016 cash amounting to K1,505,000 was deposited into Orbus account.” (A\$2,700).

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Malawi in general.
- Please pray for the millions of children who suffer through the extreme poverty and struggles.
- For 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 and for the visitors and volunteers from Australia.
- Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the plans to commence the Orbus secondary school in 2017.
- Pray for the preparations for the PYV mission trip in 2017.

In Jesus,

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“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the cause of the widow.” (Isaiah 1:17)



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