



Rebuilding the Masters Family Home:

The Masters family, who Orbus first met in July 2010, are a child headed family of four children living together in a poor village of Blantyre. The children's mother died in 2006 of TB and the father in 2009 of pneumonia. Fastani, aged 18, is the head of the family. Godfrey is 16, Cecilia is 13 and their little brother Manuel is 10. Manuel is disabled and in need of full-time care. He cannot talk, walk or use his hands. But God has given him a most beautiful smile which warms the heart and stays with you for a very long time. On behalf of generous people from Australia, Orbus were able to give gifts to the family on 7th July 2010 of clothing and blankets. Then, upon realising they are in need of further assistance we returned on the 25th August with more gifts and financial assistance.



(L-R) Cecilia, Fastani with Manuel on her lap, a cousin standing, and Godfrey on the 25th August 2010

Currently Fastani goes to school in the afternoons and Cecilia in the mornings, so they share the task of caring for Manuel. Thankfully they own their own home, left by their parents. There is also a separate house attached which was rented out and provided income for the family. However it is ant-ridden and falling down so the tenant has recently left and they now receive no income.

On the 14th September 2010 we returned with a builder to assess the situation. Orbus have now obtained quotes and have instructed a builder to start the rebuilding of both the home the children are living in (above) and the attached house (below). It is hoped that this project will be completed by Christmas 2010. Orbus' objective in doing this is to provide these children with a new home to live in; with a source of regular income from renting out the attached house; and to remove some financial pressure on Fastani and Cecilia, enabling them to care for Manuel. For Orbus and in Christ's Name *Craig Manners*



"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing."
(Deuteronomy 10:18)

"When a child is left without its natural protector, our God steps in and becomes his guardian... Orphans are cast upon the fatherhood of God, and He provides for them. No trust is so well warranted by facts, or so sure to be rewarded by results, as trust in the invisible but ever-living God. Better have God and no other friend than all the patrons on the earth and no God. To be bereaved of the creature is painful, but so long as the Lord remains the fountain of mercy to us, we are not truly orphaned."
Spurgeon