

Orphan Care Ministry:

September 2009 Newsletter:

Highlights:

- 1- Food production continuing on Orbus' land, to feed the Namatete orphans.
- 2- Girl's dormitory started, Boy's dormitory foundations laid.
- 3- Volunteer builder sought for 3-6 month mission in Blantyre.
- 4- Author donates royalties from new DVD release of "[Religion is for Fools](#)" to Orbus.
- 5- Visit by Australians in June/July.
- 6- Health clinic study completed and ready for project completion.
- 7- Support required for a sea container to be sent from Australia to Blantyre (both storage space and funds are needed).
- 8- New photos from May to July 2009 online at Orbus' website at www.OrbusAfrica.org
- 9- YouTube Orbus September 2009 presentation online at www.OrbusAfrica.org

Food Production:

Orbus has continued its food production program on the Orbus land in Blantyre, Malawi. Since acquiring this 6.202 hectare property in Blantyre in May 2008 Orbus has been growing various crops to feed the Namatete orphans. Orbus' first maize harvest earlier this year was large enough to be able to feed 100 orphaned children for one year. This has been harvested, treated, bagged and stored for future use.



(L) Some of the Namatete orphans (28th March 2009)



(R) The Orbus land being cultivated for new crops (July 2009)

The Orbus Boarding School for Orphaned Children:

Building work commenced in May on the separate girl's and boy's accommodation buildings as part of the new Orbus boarding school for AIDS orphans on Orbus' property in Blantyre. However construction ceased temporarily in June and is awaiting resumption. Colin M'bawa is attempting to rally local community support and local Malawian volunteer contributions of materials and services to assist in the completion of these two buildings.

Volunteer Builder/Project Manager Sought:

Orbus is seeking the services of a volunteer builder who may be able to offer to help complete these two buildings. This builder may be a local Malawian builder or may be a foreign builder (i.e. Australian). If an Australian or other nationality then Orbus may be able to fund the airfare and accommodation of a suitably qualified volunteer. Please contact John Wilson at wilsonjp@aanet.com.au for more information or by phone on 0418 537 209, or Craig Manners by email at craig.manners@orbusafrica.org if you can assist.



The girl's dormitory on the Orbus site - June 2009





The foundations for the boy's dormitory have been laid (July 2009) New crops being planted on Orbus' land (9 July 2009)



Some of Orbus' 1st maize harvest in storage ready for future use. Orbus has grown enough maize to feed 100 orphans for one year.

Visits by Australians:

Orbus director John Wilson and adviser John Steendam visited Blantyre in June/July 2009. John Steendam was able to spend a whole month volunteering his time to help Colin and the Malawian directors in Blantyre.

Orbus Health Clinic:

The feasibility study into establishing a health clinic on the Orbus site as part of the project has been completed by Melanie McGrice. We now await completion of the dormitories and other Stage 1 buildings before pursuing this further. It is envisaged the clinic will provide free basic health care for the orphaned children and also to local residents in the surrounding areas on a fee-paying basis.

Orbus Backpack Project:

Please click www.orbusafrica.org/index.php?page=backback-project for details on the SYPC Orbus Backpack Project, a project to provide orphans in Blantyre, Malawi with a backpack each filled with things they need for school.

Sea Container Assistance Required:

In conjunction with the wider PCV Africa mission Orbus would like to send a sea container, including items necessary for the Orbus home and school, from Melbourne in February/March 2010. Funds and storage facilities are required for this to happen. If anyone is able to assist please contact Craig by email at craig.manners@orbusafrica.org

08/09 Financial Report:

For the financial year to 30th June 2009 there were donations received for Orbus of A\$92,339.69 and funds sent to Orbus in Malawi of A\$70,000.00. Administration costs in Australia were \$2,894.33, made up of \$262.75 for bank and transfer fees and \$2,631.58 World Relief fees.

Between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2009 there have been donations from 20 separate congregations directly plus from 62 different individuals/groups, representing (as best as we can ascertain) a total of at least 30 different congregations from across Australia.

Your Prayers:

We would appreciate your prayers:

- For a local builder in Blantyre, or a foreign mission worker/builder to offer to complete the girl's and boy's dormitory buildings.
- For the first of the orphaned children to be brought under our care as soon as possible.
- For the ongoing food production on Orbus' land.
- For the feeding and teaching program by the Namatete CCAP congregation.
- For God's protection of the children in their current situations.

In and for Jesus Christ

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