



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."

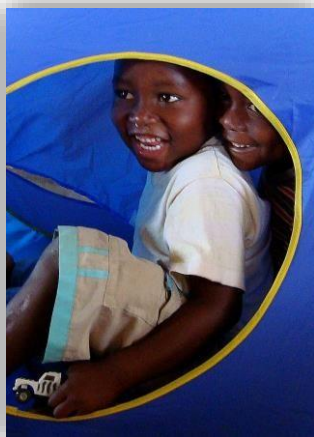
We are motivated by gratitude and love to God: "This is love for God: to obey his commands" (1 John 5:3) ... such as: "to love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 19:19), "look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27), "do good to all people" (Gal. 6:10), be a Good Samaritan (Luke 10:37), 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 we try 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".



The Orbus Center in Ngumbe, Malawi, Africa, includes a kindergarten class and a full primary school (Std 1 to 8) mostly for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), a secondary school (Form 1, 2 and 3 as of September 2019), a Boarding facility for Secondary, plus a small scale farming project on its twenty acre property. Orbus are educating approximately 400 children, and in the process helping to support 21 Malawian teachers and staff and their families. There is a community of teachers, students and security living on-site and a weekly community church service every Sunday.

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 Australia's ongoing role is to manage the Australian side, funding a portion of teachers and staff salaries, organizing volunteer visits and assisting with the further development of the project or with new projects as resources allow.

The Orbus Pre-School was opened at the Orbus Centre on 6th September 2010 (see a report on this) and then the Orbus Junior Primary School was officially started in September 2011 with a single Grade 1 class. As at September 2019 there are classes for the **CCAP Orbus Mission Primary School** for Grades 1 through to 8, with the Std 8 class starting on 18th September 2017. The **CCAP Orbus Mission Secondary School** was started on 25th September 2017 with a Form 1 class, followed by the addition of a Form 2 class in September 2018 and Form 3 in September 2019.

Wells/pumps for fresh water in villages with no, or inadequate, access to fresh, clean water. Orbus Australia has had the privilege of initiating, being involved with and completing 4 wells/pumps in needy areas. One of the most practical ways of helping a needy village/area is to dig a simple well and put in a pump. There are plenty of needy areas around the Orbus Centre and the prices we have been able to obtain have very much been local rather than prices aimed at foreign donors. This is viewed as important given that the funds can go much further and can provide more fresh water. Funds aimed particularly at this area can be donated and an email sent to us to stipulate this specific area for the funds to be directed toward.

Houses for orphan families. Orbus Australia have been able to build some small houses for child-headed and grandmother headed orphan families in Malawi. Funds aimed particularly at this area can be donated and an email sent to us to stipulate this specific area for the funds to be directed toward.

Bibles in Malawi. To date (2014), Orbus has distributed over 1,000 Chichewa language Bibles generally in Malawi. If you would like to provide one of the best gifts available for you to give to a fellow human being, in the poorest country in the world (according to the World Bank 2015), we would like to partner with you in making it happen. With no administration costs we can arrange for Chichewa language Bibles to be purchased from the Bible Society in Blantyre and distributed in Malawi through our Blantyre based friends. All you need to do is donate to Orbus and then email us telling us how much you have donated specifically toward Bibles and we will transfer that whole amount to Blantyre to buy the Bibles from the Bible Society.

By the grace of God we hope to maintain these existing projects, and to be used by God to establish new projects in areas of need, either in Australia or overseas. By initiating such projects our aim is to help individuals and communities to reverse the cycles and consequences of poverty and hopelessness.





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 scope of this activity is all dependant upon donations.

Donations can be made:

By Electronic Funds Transfer:

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

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