

ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

March 2016 Newsletter



"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me." (Psalm 28:7); "Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." (2 Cor. 6:10); "We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we rejoice in our sufferings..." (Romans 5:2-3); "in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds." (2 Cor. 7:4). "Filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy..." (2 Peter 1:8); "In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." (2 Cor. 8:2); "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?" (James 2:5)

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, to view the Orbus Photo Albums and to visit the Orbus Centre in Malawi.

News Update- March 2016:

Orbus Kindergarten and Primary School, Ngumbe, Malawi: The building program at the school for 2016 includes construction of two new classrooms plus a separate building with four apartments for teachers. Construction of both buildings got underway in March 2016. The plan for starting a high school at Orbus has been deferred for now but is still a vision and one which we hope may become a reality in 2017. The plan now is to give the current Grade 6 class a further year of education in a Grade 7 primary school class starting in September 2016, as preparation for them graduating in July 2017, to then start Form 1 of high school in September 2017.







Orbus House, Australia: Unfortunately, due to legal complications in operating a residential program *The Babes Project* withdrew from the partnership with Orbus at the end of December 2015. Orbus has now relinquished the lease on the house, transferring it to one of the young mothers who had their baby at Orbus House and who benefited from the ministry, and who was in need of longer term accommodation. We thank God for the opportunity to have been involved in this ministry.

Presbyterian Youth Victoria (PYV) Proposed Mission Trip to Malawi in 2017: PYV are hoping to send a team to Blantyre, Malawi in June/July 2017, to work at the Orbus Centre in Ngumbe. There is an information evening to be held on June 4th 2016 from 7pm to 9pm for anyone interested in possibly joining the team. Please contact us for details.

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 to start the high school in 2017.
- Pray for the proposed PYV mission trip in 2017.

In Jesus,

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"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." (Matthew 5:7)



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