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## The Falconer Children's Home & Orphanage

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# 'CARRYING ON MAMA'S WORK'



*Lilia Falconer (1913-1998)*

You will remember that just as our June newsletter was being printed we received the sad news of Miss Falconer's Homecall on the 9th June, so we were only able to include the slip giving you the news.

We would pay our tribute to the 51 years of selfless and devoted service that Miss Falconer gave to over 600 orphan children of Zambia who she saved, cared for and loved during that time.

It was a privilege for us to give her increasing support for almost 50 years, and we THANK EVERYONE who also shared and helped in so many ways.

She shunned and refused publicity of her work, but it was recognised by the Order of Distinguished Service from the Zambian Government, by the MBE from the Queen and by the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship from The Rotary Club of Lewisham, and the appreciation of all that she had achieved was shown by over 2,000 people attending her funeral at Kabulamema on the 17th of June.

It was Miss Falconer's greatest hope and wish that when her work was done that her own family could carry it on, and her great legacy is a team of young people who originally came to her

as babies, now able and qualified to continue the running of the Home. The team is led by Simon – a Paul Harris Fellow – (44), his wife Sophie (36) and by Mirium (24) who recently qualified as a nurse, and recent reports confirm how everyone is working together and sharing in all the tasks that have to be done.

No new children were taken into the Home during the last months of Miss Falconer's illness but already the family is growing again by the arrival of Ruth (9 months), John (1½), Julia (2½) and Dave (11 months), and altogether they are feeding over 150 folk each day.

With the continued hardships of their country, all at the Home CONTINUE TO NEED OUR HELP and Simon and the team have been very encouraged by all the support given to them in so many ways. We thank the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs for their monetary gifts, for the supplies of soups, groceries and sweets for the children and for the blankets, baby bundles and clothes, all of which continue to go out to the Home in our monthly batch of parcels.

THE ROLLER MILL project is coming to fruition. A technician from the Home is to travel to the suppliers in South Africa for instruction in setting up the machine, so we hope that it will not be too long before we hear that it is ready to be installed. We again thank so many Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs who have contributed to this project.

Simon recently made the Home's transport available and he took Government officials around their area as part of the programme to vaccinate the whole population against polio – a programme in which Rotary has such an interest.

The rains have just commenced, so ploughing can begin on the farm before maize planting.

Mr Webb's arthritis in his knees is still preventing him from taking meetings, but we are continuing to send out the monthly batch of parcels and financial aid to the Home.



*Simon, Sophie and Mirium*

Yours sincerely,

Henry and Rene Webb