



## **Prayer Is The Key**

*To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me.  
For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.  
(Psalm 28:1-2)*

Everyone who reads this newsletter will have been in some way affected deeply by the pandemic which continues to sweep across our world. Some may have lost a loved one, or suffered illness themselves. Others may have suffered financial hardship through losing a job, or being furloughed. Many will have been separated from loved ones through self-isolation and shielding. It is a comfort to know that we have a God who cares for us, who we can turn to in prayer, not just in times of crisis, but in all circumstances.



For the Falconer Home in Zambia, and for the Falconer Trust here in Norfolk, times are hard. At the Home, all possible precautions are being taken to protect the children and staff from the virus. Thankfully, infections in Zambia are comparatively low, and mainly restricted to large urban areas. They are, however, faced with a non-Covid related problem - they are required to produce paperwork to demonstrate to the Zambian Revenue Authority that they are a bona fide charity. Until this is done, their import duty exemption certificate is invalidated. As they have struggled to get all of this paperwork in place, the Falconer Trust has been unable for some months to send out parcels of goods, as they would incur crippling import duty charges.

Here in the UK, the Falconer Trust, like so many charities, has seen its income fall massively during recent months. As churches have not been able to physically meet, and as individuals have suffered financial hardship, donations have fallen away to the extent that we are struggling to operate normally. We are unable to send the Home money for the projects which need to be completed, and we are having difficulty covering the normal operating costs here in Norfolk.

In this newsletter we will outline some important ways in which you can help us to continue to support the Falconer Home and its precious children.

# Please Pray For Us

It is vital that everything we do is underpinned by prayer. As the government promotes its 'Hands, Face, Space' motto, we can adapt this as we pray for the work of the Falconer Home and the Falconer Trust.

**Hands** - we are called to lift holy hands in prayer - *Therefore I want men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands...* (1 Timothy 2:8); (see also Psalm 28:2)

**Face** - we should be resolute in prayer - *Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.* (Isaiah 50:7)

**Space** - there should be no 'social distancing' from God - *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.* (James 4:8)



We know that many of you pray for us daily, and we are so grateful for that. We would like to hold a Day of Prayer for the work, on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Please set aside some time on that day to pray, with whoever current rules allow you to meet with. If you are a social media user, please look out on our Facebook page for information on how we can join together in prayer on that day.

## Please Can You Help Financially?



We so much appreciate the financial support given to us by so many of you, either through regular standing orders, or through one-off donations, and we understand that at the moment times are tough for many. We would normally not make direct requests for money, but in view of the perilous nature of our position, we would humbly ask if you are able to help us? We want to be able to ensure that we can provide a home, a family and a future for the children at the Falconer Home, and see the work started by Liliás Falconer continue in the years ahead.

Donations can be made by card via our website and Facebook page, or by cheque or through your online banking. THANK YOU!

## Video Updates

Because deputation visits to churches have not been possible since March, we have posted video updates of the Falconer Home on YouTube. The first, which was posted in May, can be accessed from this link:

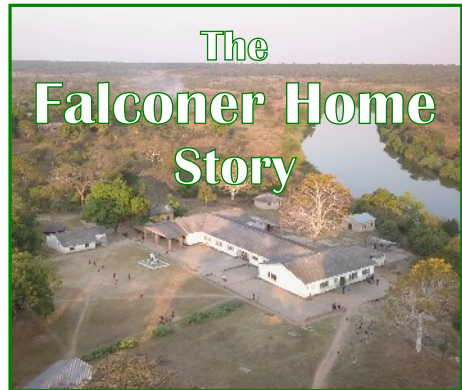
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC5fq\\_Po5UQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC5fq_Po5UQ)

The more recent August update is found here:

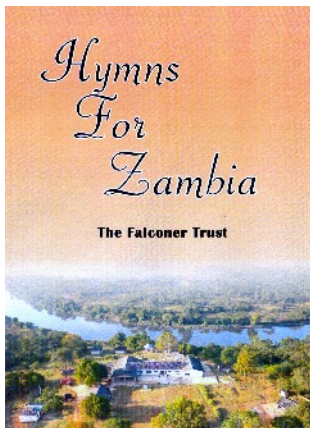
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vrzglbkqdxs>

## The Falconer Home Story

Because there has not been the usual visit to the falconer Home this year, we have not been able to produce the usual DVD. It has, however, given us the opportunity to work on a project which we had hoped to do for a while. This is a DVD telling the story of the Falconer Home, from its beginnings with Liliias Falconer in the 1940's, to the present day. Please let us know if you would like a copy, and we will send it to you as soon as it is ready.



## Hymns For Zambia



On 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Trust held a fundraising event online, entitled 'Hymns for Zambia'. Neil played hymns and worship songs on the piano for six hours, and the event was streamed live on Facebook. Supporters were able to request hymns and songs, and donate. Through this event we were able to raise almost £4,000 to support the Home through the pandemic. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the event.

If you were not able to get involved, you don't have to miss out!. We have now produced a 'Hymns for Zambia' DVD, containing eighteen of the hymns played on the day, accompanied by images of the Home, the children, Miss Falconer, Simon etc. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

# The Generator And Water Tower

By the time you read this, we trust that the generator will be in Kabulamema. Simon and his team have carried out repairs to the water tower, with the two leaking tanks having been sealed, and some of the structure of the tower having been replaced. Once the rainy season has begun and the ground has softened, a trench will be dug so that armoured cable can be laid from the generator to the main house.

## Please Pray...

- ... for the continued safety and wellbeing of children and staff, and that the coronavirus does not reach Kabulamema.
- ... for the customs duty exemption certificate to be quickly reinstated.
- ... for the installation of electricity and running water supplies to be completed successfully.
- ... for the supply of sufficient funds for the Falconer Trust to continue supporting the Falconer Home fully.

## Thank You

A very big thank you to all who have supported the work in some way, whether through prayer, finance, donation of goods or any other way. May God bless you richly for your efforts on behalf of the children.



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