

### Supporting the Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage, Kabulamema, Zambia

**Newsletter Christmas 2015** 

# **Good Tidings of Great Joy!**

**Luke 2:10** 

At this time of year we are reminded of the familiar nativity story, including the moment when the angels bring good news to the shepherds - news that a Saviour is born. Of course, this is good news not just for the shepherds, but for each one of us who receives Jesus into our hearts and lives. We have been given a Saviour who knows our every need, understands our frailties, and loves us perfectly.

Just as Jesus cares for you and me, he also cares for the children at the Falconer Children's Home. He has seen their need and has answered their prayers and ours. Just when it seemed that staff at the home could not provide for the children any longer, the desperately needed parcels were released, and at least 200 parcels have reached the home. It must feel like all their Christmases have come at once!





Simon is taking his time in opening the parcels, saying that he likes to prolong the joy! Ken phoned Simon a few days after the parcels arrived, and he was busy making salmon sandwiches for the children, from tins contained in the parcels!

Now the children will have new clothes, babies will be able to be fed and cared for with new nappies and toiletries, and the sick will be able to be cared for with medication from the parcels. Staff will also be able to barter for fresh food, rather than having to use up valuable financial resources to buy food. This is indeed good tidings of great joy for everyone at the home!



# **Raise the Roof Project Update**



In our last newsletter we launched the 'Raise The Roof' Project, with the aim of getting a team together to renovate a boys' dormitory at the home next spring. We said that we wanted to raise £30,000 to be able to complete the job. We are very excited to be able to announce that we now have both the team and enough finance to be able to go ahead with the project!

It is not too late to contribute, however, as we would love to be able to fund much needed improvements elsewhere at the home.

Three volunteers, Graham Roberts from Manchester, Eric Sharp from Preston and Peter Terry from Ilford will be joining Ken, Den and Neil on the trip. These volunteers bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the project, and we look forward very much to working with them. The team will be meeting together in December to get to know one another and to plan for the project.

We have been amazed at the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, who have enabled us to reach our financial target more quickly than we dared to imagine! We praise God for His wonderful provision, and thank you all for your generosity and your obedience to His prompting.



#### **New DVD**

The DVD of the 2015 visit is now available. Please write, phone or email if you would like a complimentary copy.

You can still order a copy of the CD 'Making Melody' - it makes a great Christmas present!







#### **More News from Kabulamema**

One of the many benefits of the release of the parcels is that the Falconer Home can once again look after babies. This had not really been possible without the dried baby food which is sent in the parcels from the UK. In recent weeks two sets of twin girls have arrived at the home.



# Meanwhile, Back In Norfolk

We would like to say a big thank you to Shirley and Malcolm Curtis, who have for many years packed parcels for us at our unit in Watton. They have decided that it is time for a rest, and we are very grateful to them for all their hard work and dedication.

#### **Falconer Trust Office**



The office of the Falconer Trust is moving. Ken and Pat have run the administration side of the work from their home for many years, and so the office is now moving to the storage unit so that Ken and Pat can have their home back!

The new address is: 3 Linmore Court, Threxton Road Industrial Estate, Watton, Thetford, Norfolk IP25 6NG. Please send all future correspondence to this address. The new office phone number is 01953 884468.

#### **A Bountiful Harvest!**

This year's Harvest Festival season has been a fantastic time for the Falconer Trust, with schools and churches donating an amazing quantity of tinned and dried food, baby food, nappies and other goods, as well as finance. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your wonderful generosity.





## Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the arrival of parcels at the home. Pray that they continue to arrive without any further problems.
- ... for the new babies who have recently arrived at the home; that they will settle in well and stay healthy
- ... for the 'Raise The Roof' Project team as they plan and prepare for next year's trip
- ... for new local volunteers to help us with the packing of parcels at our storage unit
- ... that everyone at the home has a truly blessed Christmas!

#### **Thank You**



A big thank you to all who have supported the work in some way during 2015, whether through prayer, finance, donation of goods or any other way. May God bless you richly for your efforts on behalf of the children.

We would like to wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and may you know God's richest blessing in the year to come.

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