



**The
Falconer
Trust**

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

Newsletter Christmas 2016



“Goodwill Toward Men”

(Luke 2:14)

At this time of year we return to the familiar Christmas story, and remind ourselves of the wonderful birth of our Saviour. During their visit to the shepherds, the angels declared “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Christmas is often referred to as ‘the season of goodwill’, but of course it is right for us to show goodwill to one another throughout the year. The Falconer Home in Kabulamema is so dependent on the goodwill of all our supporters here in the UK and in other parts of the world. I constantly marvel at the wonderful generosity of so many people who give sacrificially in order to help the children at the Home.

Thank you so much to all of you who support the work in so many ways: through prayer; through financial support, whether regularly or with occasional gifts; through knitting blankets and clothes; through donating food, clothes, and the many other items we send; and through raising awareness of the Home in your churches, schools and localities. I also want to thank our volunteers Brian and Margaret, who have worked so hard throughout the year, packing boxes, organising the donated goods, and generally keeping the storage unit in order. May you all know God’s love, joy and peace during this Christmas time, and throughout the year ahead.

Who Is It?



Can you work out who is disguised as Father Christmas?

Answer on the back page.

2016 DVD

The DVD of the 2016 visit, entitled ‘The Roof Is Raised’, is now available. Please let us know if you would like a copy.



Parcels

Thank you for your wonderful response to the appeal which we sent out in the last newsletter, in which we said that we did not have the finance to send out a batch of parcels. We are delighted to be able to say that because of your generosity, we were able not only to send the batch, but also pay for the backlog of parcels in Ndola to be delivered to the Home, along with the bunk beds and lockers for the renovated dormitory. This will make such a difference to everyone at the Falconer Home.



You will find an insert in this newsletter giving details of what items are suitable for sending to the Home. If you would like to donate goods, you can send them to our unit in Norfolk (address on the back of this newsletter). We also have a trailer in Ilford where items can be deposited, if this is more convenient for you.



Zambian Evening

We will be holding a Zambian Evening on Saturday 10th December, at 4pm, at Wymondham Baptist Church, Queen Street, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0AY. We will be sampling Zambian food, listening to Zambian music, and there will be a quiz, and a talk about the Falconer Home and the work of the Falconer Trust. We would love to see you there if you are able to come!

If you are interested in holding a Zambian Evening at your church, please get in touch with us.

A Sad Event

A newborn baby was recently brought to the Home. Born prematurely, she was just 16 hours old when she arrived. The baby was very ill, and sadly passed away in hospital. The loss of this tiny little girl is a sad reminder of the difficulties faced not only at the Home, but in Zambian rural communities in general, where healthcare remains at a very basic level.



Some Thoughts from the 'Raise The Roof' Team

Peter Terry, one of the volunteers who worked on the 'Raise The Roof' Project in the summer, wrote: "How can you put into words the dust, dirt, poverty, smells, happiness, joy, trust, minimal comforts, reliance on God, the same diet every day? What a joy to be able to visit and assist in practical efforts for a Christian community that is struggling. The surrounding people love, respect, and support the Falconer Home from the little they have, and recognise that it is God's work. Simon & Miriam feel privileged to be doing Gods work, relying on Him for strength and guidance."



Flying Mission Zambia

Flying Mission Zambia is an organisation which plays an important role in the work of the Home and of the Trust. When we visit the Home, we travel from Lusaka airport to the Home in one of FMZ's fleet of three small aircraft. There is a landing strip just a short walk from the Home.

FMZ have invited Simon to speak at their 10th Anniversary Open Day, and are flying

him to Lusaka for that purpose. While in Lusaka, Simon is hoping to collect a vehicle, so that the Home will once again have much needed transport.

FMZ is about more than simply flying planes, and provides a wide range of services to support Christian ministries throughout Zambia. We will be exploring ways in which FMZ can aid our work. You can find out more about their work from their website at <http://flyingmission.org/fmzintro.php>



Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the collection of the backlog of parcels from Ndola.
- ... for good health for both children and staff.
- ... for future plans for the roller mill, petrol station and farm.
- ... for the work of Flying Mission Zambia, and for the effectiveness of closer links between FMZ and the Home.



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.

May you have a happy and blessed Christmas!



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Father Christmas

Miriam is under the Father Christmas disguise!

