



**The  
Falconer  
Trust**

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

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## “By No Means Least...”



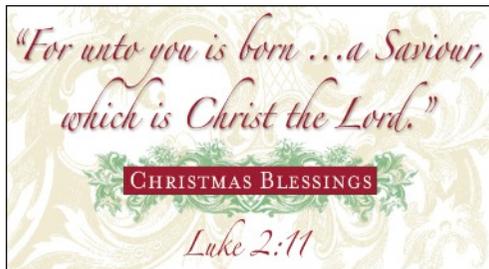
*“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

**(Matthew 2:6)**

When the Magi visited Herod en route to Bethlehem, they quoted the above words from the prophet Micah. These words show that Bethlehem was in many ways just another village, like thousands of others, except that God chose it to be the birthplace of the Saviour!

When I read these verses I was reminded that no place is too insignificant to be overlooked by God. Whether it be Bethlehem or Kabulamema, the Lord loves and cherishes each person there.

The Falconer Home is in an extremely remote location, ten miles from a road, and thirty five miles from a town. The vast majority of people in the world (or even in Zambia!) will be unaware of its existence. And yet, God loves each child there with an everlasting love. He enables the staff to provide for the children against seemingly impossible odds. And He calls many people in the UK and around the world to support the Home through prayer, finance and material giving. When you pray, or make a donation, or help us in another way, you are playing your part in fulfilling God's purposes for the children at the Falconer Home. May God richly bless you for your obedience, generosity and compassion.



## 2017 DVD

The DVD of the 2016 visit, entitled 'Walking In The Light', is now available. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

# Some Thoughts from Simon

## The Needs of the Children

The Home and all the children are well and happy, and continue to be cared for. We however have a few things to put in place in order to keep each and everyone assured of the continuation of this very important work that Miss Falconer began.

The daily feeding of the many children is the greatest important part of the work and this takes a huge chunk out of any incoming funds at any given moment.

I Simon have worked with Miss Falconer many years from my teenage days and have watched over part of the work while up to the time she handed over fully to myself. I still had no slight idea what it took to know the ins and the outs of the main work of caring and closeness of each child name by name; clothes, different food desires for each child; health and weights and progress. All these come into the very important issue of care. I never ever knew what it took to deal with the work of the main house until I had to stay in all day until evening I would retire to my house. The churches have been gracious and loving. I have learnt to know the toddlers and their needs. I have appreciated what others did while I was in the Garage department.



## The Arrival of Mains Electricity

Here are a few differences that will help once electrification from the main grid is installed. Freezers will keep meat from perishing and more meat will be acquired. Vegetables the same. Children's clothes will be kept better washing and Ironing. More variety of food stuff such as sausages, bacon, cheese, fresh milks, fruit drinks would be more available than as we are at present. Cookers for speedy preparation of their meals morning, mid day. and evening would be much better and efficient.

At present we are excited because the company is coming in on daily basis to kick-start the project. Please be assured and encouraged that what is happening now will be better for the whole area.



## Parcels

By the time you read this, the year's seventh batch of sixty parcels will be on its way to Kabulamema, making a total of 420 parcels for 2017. The cost of sending a batch of parcels is approximately £1500, so the total cost for the year is about £10,500. As you will appreciate, this is a very significant sum, and it is a challenge to ensure that we always have the funds to send the next batch. This is, however, the most vital part of the operation of the Falconer Trust, as the parcels are of enormous value to the home, and contain many items which cannot be obtained locally.

When a batch of parcels is ready it is taken to Purfleet in Essex, where it is placed in a container ready to be shipped to Zambia, a journey which normally takes around nine weeks. The container travels by ship to Durban, then by road through South Africa and Zimbabwe, and into Zambia, where the parcels arrive in Ndola to await customs clearance and collection by the staff of the Home.

We would like to express once again our gratitude to all our supporters who donate goods for the parcels, or who donate the funds to send them. Without you, none of this would be possible.



*A batch of parcels waiting to be loaded into a container at Purfleet*

## Maintenance Work

The recent rainy season has taken its toll on the Home, and Simon has identified various maintenance works needed as a result of rain damage. These include:

- The front paving of the main house needs to be raised, so that water running off the roof is prevented from entering the foundations and washing them away.

- The fishpond and sewer pond have both had their lower end walls washed away, and will need to be repaired.

There are many other ongoing maintenance issues, such as the need to repair two of the four water tanks. Simon is also keen to press ahead with plans to improve the kitchen facilities in the main building.





## Please Pray...



- ... Thank God for His constant provision for the children at the Falconer Home
- ... for the successful installation of mains electricity in Kabulamema, and for the financial and material resources to benefit from it.
- ... for Simon and the staff as they seek to care for the children and provide for them physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- ... for all of the maintenance work which needs to be done to provide a safe environment for the children.



## 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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