

Please Pray...



- ... Thank God for His constant provision so that various needs at the Home can be met
- ... for baby Beryl, that she will continue to thrive and stay well
- ... for the welfare of all the children, and for the good health of the staff, especially Simon and Eunice.
- ... for the ongoing repairs and improvements to the buildings.
- ... for a resolution to the problems of electricity and water.



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!

For unto you is
born this day
in the city of David a
Saviour
which is
Christ the Lord.
- Luke 2:11

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Changes and Challenges



*The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.*
(Isaiah 40:8)

We live in a world of constant change. The people around us come and go; our surroundings alter; attitudes and morals seem so different from years ago. Yet one thing is constant through the years, and that is the faithfulness of God. It is a source of comfort and confidence to know that whatever circumstances and challenges we face, He can be absolutely relied upon to walk alongside us and strengthen us for the task.

The Falconer Children's Home in Kabulamema may at first glance appear to be immune from the constant change experienced by the rest of the world. The number of children remains fairly static (currently 89), cared for by the familiar faces of Simon, Miriam, Eunice and many others. The surrounding seem to have changed very little over the years.

There are changes to be faced, however, and challenges to be overcome. The Zambian authorities are imposing many new requirements, in order to bring childcare facilities up to Western standards.

The Falconer Home must meet new regulations concerning policies and procedures, childcare plans, and health and safety matters. There are many repairs and improvements which need to be made in order to meet these requirements, as well as keeping the children safe and healthy. These challenges

place a great financial and logistical burden on Simon and his team, and, as a consequence, on the work of the Trust here in England. In recent months we have supplied materials for roof repairs, settled wage bills, sent out toilets, and have faced substantial costs in enabling parcels to reach the Home.

These challenges seem never-ending, but the Lord has always proved Himself faithful, and we know that we can trust Him to continue to be so, through the love, concern and commitment of His people - you! Thank you for your faithful support!



Simon



A New Baby

A new baby girl arrived at the Falconer Home on 28th September, aged just 2 days. Sadly the baby's mother died after complications giving birth. The baby, who has been given the name Beryl, came with no clothes, nappies or food, but the Home was able to supply all of these from the goods in the parcels, which have been donated by many of you. We are glad to report that Beryl is now doing well.

The Airstrip

The Falconer Home's airstrip, located about half a mile from the main site, has for many years been a great asset to the Home. This is where the plane lands when we visit each year, and it is used from time to time in other circumstances, such as when



someone needs to be taken urgently to hospital. The future of the airstrip is, however, in doubt, because the Zambian Civil Aviation Authority now require an inspection to take place each year so that a licence can be issued. Without this it cannot be used. The cost of the inspection and licence is very substantial, and consideration must be given as to whether it is cost effective. It may be that in future the airstrip at Kabompo, 35 miles away, is used.

2018 DVD

The DVD of the 2018 visit, entitled 'Changes and Challenges', is now available. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Falconer Trust Visits

Please get in touch if you would like Neil to come and speak about the Falconer Home and the work of the Trust at your church, school, midweek group or other meeting.



Parcels

The Falconer Home has recently renewed its customs exemption certificate, which means that they can continue to receive parcels without incurring customs charges. The certificate is valid for three years. There was a temporary hiatus in parcels getting through, because the certificate was not issued in time, and some expenses were incurred, which the Trust has paid. The operation should now be running smoothly once again. By the time you read this, the sixth batch of 2018 should be on its way (60 parcels per batch). We are in discussions with a haulier in Zambia regarding transporting parcels from Ndola to Kabulamema.



Oscar

Repairs and Improvements

A substantial programme of repairs and improvements is taking place at the Falconer Home. The roof is receiving much needed attention, with the most badly damaged roofing sheets being replaced, fixing nails replaced with bolts, and a coating of sealant added. It has been important to complete this work before the rainy season sets in, and before internal improvements are made, especially the proposed kitchen upgrade.

Toilets are being installed in various buildings, including the main house and the boys' dormitory. Of course, it will be necessary to re-establish running water in order for these to be functional.

Work is also taking place to install a ram pump, a device capable of pumping water without the need for power. Dennis demonstrated a prototype during our



Dennis demonstrating the ram pump to Simon

visit, and a larger version has now been sent out. It is hoped that this will enable gardens to be irrigated, so that vegetables can be grown. The Home owns some farmland nearby, and funding has been generously donated to build a couple of houses there, so that farm workers can live on site. This will enable the farm to operate much more efficiently, and provide more food for the children.