



**The
Falconer
Trust**

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

Newsletter Christmas 2022



Do Not Give Up!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

(Galatians 6:9)



Here in the UK, we have come to the end of our harvest season. We are most grateful to all those churches, schools and individuals who during this time have donated their harvest produce and financial gifts for the work of the Falconer Home. We are very aware that in these difficult times of the cost of living crisis and soaring energy bills, your giving is even more sacrificial. Thank you.

At the Falconer Home it is not harvest time, but the time when seed is planted ready for next year. The team of farm workers, led by Kapalu and Simau, have the task of preparing the ground, planting the seed, and fertilizing it.

It is not difficult to draw spiritual parallels with this process. As we continue to support the children at the Home through our giving and prayer, we are planting seeds which will see these young people grow into adulthood, and become healthy, productive members of society. Many of them, like Kapalu will in turn invest their energy and time into the Home, securing its future.



Kapalu clearing the land ready for planting

The encouragement to not give up is a pertinent one for Simon and his team. The challenges they face are great and varied, including the roof replacement and the renovation of buildings for temporary accommodation, replacement of the water tanks, planting of crops, and battling with various transport issues. It must be so easy to become discouraged and feel like giving up. Simon said in a recent message "I thank God for each sunny day for His work to do. We will keep plodding on as long as He gives us breath". Please pray that he and his workers do not become weary in doing good, but are able to reap the harvest of their labours.

Parcels

We have now started using a new shipper for sending parcels to the Home. The route is the same as before - by ship to Durban, then by road through South Africa and Zimbabwe, arriving in Ndola, Zambia, where the customs clearance process is completed. We are optimistic that, with the customs rebate certificate having been renewed, the paperwork process will be completed more speedily, enabling us to ship more batches per year than has recently been the case.

College Students

Thanks to your valuable support, we have been able to fund four of the older children to go to college, in order to equip them for working at the Home in the future. Kapalu (a.k.a. Elvis) and Simau have gone to agricultural college. They will be able to oversee the work at the Home's farm. Annabel is studying Childcare, and will take up a key role in caring for the younger children at the Home. Joe is taking a part-time course in Administration, and is working in the Home's office, helping with record-keeping, finances etc. We are so pleased that the younger generation are being trained and prepared for the future of the Home.



Annabel



One of the damaged tanks being lowered from the water tower

Water Tower

One of the many tasks facing Simon is the repair of the water tower. The four plastic tanks which store water pumped from the river, and which provide running water to the main house, all need to be replaced with new ones, as the old ones have cracked and split. New tanks have been ordered, and will be installed as soon as they arrive at the Home.

Vehicle Repair

Thank you so much for your wonderful gifts for the repair of the car. It is now being mended, and thanks to your generosity, the car which was involved in an accident some years ago is also being assessed for possible repair.

News From The Trust

September and October have been particularly busy months for deputation visits and other trips. The Harvest Festival season has been a time of many churches and schools giving valuable support through the donation of goods, or financial gifts. We are so grateful for this support, without which we could not do any of our work.

We are currently considering the options for a Trust visit to the Falconer Home in 2023. No firm decisions have been made yet, so we would ask you to pray for wisdom in our deliberations.

Donated Goods

We are so grateful for all of your donated goods to be sent to the Home. In terms of foodstuffs, we are glad to receive tinned meat, fish and baked beans (we do not send tinned soup), as well as pasta, rice, porridge oats, baby formula milk, cereals and packet soup. We are unable to send items in glass jars. Please ensure that all goods have a long use-by date, as it takes a very long time for parcels to get from our storage unit to the Home.

Stationery items are always welcome, as are toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and feminine hygiene products.

We currently have a very large quantity of knitted and crocheted items (blankets, jumpers, hats etc.), If you are unsure whether an item is suitable, please email or phone us. Thank you!



Rhoda, Bertha, Bethel, Janet and Margaret, the five babies who arrived earlier this year, are all doing well!



Please Pray...

*She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name*

*Jesus
for he will
save his people
from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

- ... that progress continues to be made on the building work at the Home.
- ... that the new tanks on the water tower are successfully installed
- ... that the college students progress well on their respective courses, and that they are able to make a valuable contribution to the future of the Home
- ... that the five babies continue to thrive and grow into happy, healthy girls
- ... that Simon and his team stay well and safe during all of their labours

Thank You

A very big thank you to all who have supported the work throughout the year 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, blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas!



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