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'A PAUL HARRIS FOR MISS FALCONER'



Part of the family

The Rotary Club of Lewisham have awarded Miss Falconer a Paul Harris Fellowship for her devoted work to the orphan children of Zambia over 51 years, during which time she has saved over 600 babies.

We were able to give Simon the news over the telephone and he conveyed it to Miss Falconer who expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude.

The citation and insignia are on their way to her in our latest batch of parcels.

Our son Ken and his wife Pat have safely returned from the month they spent at the Home in March and here are some details of what they found:-

Miss Falconer – now nearly 85 – bedridden, weak in body but strong in mind and still very much directing the operations of the Home.

Simon, planning and putting into practice projects for today and the future enhancement of the Home including the development of a Filling Station in Kabompo with the help of BP Zambia and progress with obtaining of the Roller Mill to grind maize for themselves and the local populace, these things to make themselves more self-supporting.

The fund for the Roller Mill is growing and we are in sight of soon being able to place an order for it.

Miriam, now completed her 2 year Nursing Course and back at the Home taking charge in Miss Falconer's place, the hospital having changed their rules so she did not have to give them a year's service in exchange for her training. She is using her nursing skills and keeping the Home and the children spotlessly clean – just like a hospital ward.

The **local Government School** has been updated and upgraded so that children from the Home will not now have to go away to boarding school for higher education. Altogether about 70 children are still being cared for with a total being fed each day in the region of 150-170.

We send our thanks to the many Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs and other individuals and Groups that continue to give their support to the Home in monetary gifts, supplies of soups and groceries and from the Inner Wheel Clubs, blankets, baby bundles, toiletries and clothes. All this help is still so needed and everyone at the Home send their thanks for every contribution.

Regretfully, with the worsening of arthritis in his knees, a spell in hospital with another thrombosis and a chest problem that is being investigated, Mr Webb has had to cancel his meeting engagements for the time being BUT we are still able to keep the flow of financial help and the parcels going out to the Home and a fourth batch of 50 parcels went off on the 29th May.

As Ken and Pat left the Home at the end of March Miss Falconer asked that the THANKS OF ALL THE FAMILY be given to everyone for their generous love and support.

We send our greetings and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Henry and Rene Webb



Happy faces

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Our June newsletter was already with the Printer when we received the news that Miss Falconer had been called Home at 4.15 p.m. (Zambian time) on the 9th of June. She was 84, and her 52 years in Africa and 51 years at a Children's Home at Kabulamema came to an end when she passed away peacefully with all her family around her. Simon and his wife Sophie, Miriam and the other members of the family are committed to carry on her work and they would be grateful for your continued prayer and support.