



## **A New Thing!**

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)*

We live in a world of constant change. Sometimes we wish things would stay the same, other times we wish things would change more quickly! But we can be assured that God is constantly bringing about new things because He wants to bless us. At the Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage, we long to see changes which will improve the lives and futures of the children and staff. These new things do happen - the dormitory which was at the centre of the 'Raise The Roof' Project is now equipped with beds and lockers, and provides greatly improved living conditions for some of the children. We trust that in this coming year we will see new things



happen with the roller mill and petrol station ( more of this elsewhere in the newsletter). We have even heard rumours recently that there may be a possibility that mains electricity could come to Kabulamema! This is as yet by no means a certainty, but perhaps it would be, in one sense, God 'making a way in the wilderness'! It would certainly open up many possibilities for improved living at the Home. We must remember though, that things seem to happen very slowly in rural Zambia!

Of course, not all change is good, and it often brings challenges. For the Falconer Trust here in the UK, rising costs bring new challenges. We have recently been informed that freight costs for our parcels have gone up, costing us on average an extra £125 per batch of parcels. Postage costs have also risen recently. We

know we can trust God for His provision, which comes through our wonderful supporters, and we thank Him and all of you for your faithfulness in supporting us.

There are many other challenges faced by Simon, his staff, and by the Falconer Trust. We value your prayers for all that must be overcome in order to see the children cared for and the for the Home to thrive.



## 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.

## Newsletters by Email

If you would like to receive newsletters by email in the future, rather than by post, please let us know. We are happy to continue to post your newsletter to you if you prefer this, but sending as many as possible by email will save us postage costs. As you may be aware, postal rates have just gone up. If you receive multiple copies to give out to friends, it is best to continue to receive them by post, rather than printing copies yourself to give out, because of print quality.



## The 2017 Visit

Plans are well under way for this year's visit to the Falconer Home. Neil Starling, together with Dennis and Geoff Webb, will be going out to the Home in late June. We are not planning any major projects as we did last year with 'Raise The Roof', though no doubt there will be practical jobs we can do. We are particularly keen to see for ourselves what progress is being made on the roller mill, and hopefully see the petrol station back in action.

## Parcels

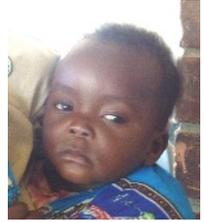
We are continuing to experience some difficulties with sending parcels to the Home, due to issues with customs. It would seem that one batch may have been held up at the Zimbabwe/Zambia border, and Zimbabwean customs were asking for more information on the food that was enclosed. We believe the batch is now in Ndola. Please pray that future batches are not delayed.



It is good to hear positive news about the benefits of the parcels. Simon recently reported that some of the children had been malnourished, but with the arrival of food in the parcels, they have now been nurtured to good health. The food items which were particularly beneficial were Weetabix, sardines, baked beans and pudding rice.

## News of the Children

Simon reports that all the children are all doing well, including the most recent arrivals, twins Shirley and Maria, and Megan. He says that staff are always on standby for any new children who may arrive at any time.



## The Petrol Station and the Roller Mill



We continue to work towards seeing these two facilities in Kabompo functioning, and generating an income for the Home. Planning continues for the roller mill, with a business plan currently being drawn up, to ensure that once the mill goes into production, the business will be on a sure footing. There is still work to be done on the fabric of the building, and the machinery is still in the process of being cleaned and prepared for food production.

You may remember that the petrol station had been up and running, until the person managing the work disappeared with the takings. Since then, Simon has been involved in protracted legal discussions with the company responsible, and the hope is that soon new management will be in place and the business will be running again, providing the Home with an income, or at least a steady supply of diesel.



Once these two facilities are working properly, they should provide a valuable source of income for the Home, and help its move towards greater self-sufficiency.

## Computer School



On our last two visits to the Home we have run computer classes for some of the older children. They learn about computers at school, but without ever being able to actually use one!

## Please Pray...



- ... Thank God for the improved health of some of the children thanks to the food items from the parcels.
- ...for safe passage of all future batches of parcels, that there will be no more difficulties with customs clearance.
- ...for work on the roller mill, and for the petrol station, that both will be up and running soon.
- ...for the trip to the Home in June - that Neil, Dennis and Geoff have a fruitful time there.
- ...for the safety and wellbeing of all of the children and staff at 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.

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## Dr. David Cairns



We are sad to announce the death of Dr David Cairns, a long-time supporter of the Falconer Trust. Some of you may have met David, as for

several years he and his wife Beryl have kept the Falconer Trust trailer at their home, where they have received donations of goods for the Trust from people in the London area. Our prayers go with Beryl and the family at this sad time. Perhaps David will now be able to meet up with Miss Falconer!

