



The Peace of God

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

The past year has created a great deal of anxiety for people throughout the world, and many would question how peace can be found in such circumstances. For Christians, however, we know that we can leave all things in God's hands, and He will give us His peace.



The lady in the picture is a former child of the Home who happened to be at the hospital when Simon was admitted.

Simon Samutala has been through such a situation in recent months. He was admitted to Loloma Mission Hospital at the beginning of February with severe pneumonia and a painful hernia. It is unclear whether he has also had covid-19, having had conflicting test results. He is now back at the Home, making a good recovery, though he must wait until he is fully recovered before the hernia repair can take place. Through his illness he has experienced God's peace and comfort. He recounted to me how on the car journey to the hospital he witnessed a glorious sunset, and was reminded of the words of the hymn 'How Great Thou Art'.

Please pray for Simon's continued recovery, and for the staff at the Home who must take on further responsibilities while Simon is recovering.

Until recently, the pandemic in Zambia was largely confined to the large urban areas. More recently, however, more local cases have been reported. Simon was not able to be admitted to Chitokoloki Mission Hospital because it was full with covid patients. At the time of writing, Zambia has reported over 86,000 cases, and 1,182 deaths, though the real number is likely to be considerably higher, due to under-reporting in rural areas.

The Falconer Trust



For the second year running, the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that a trip to the Falconer Home will sadly not be possible this year. This is obviously disappointing, as we would have loved to have been able to see the progress being made on repairs and improvements, and the installation of the generator, as well as spending time with the staff and children. Modern technology, however, has meant that we have been able to keep in touch with Simon more easily than previously, using WhatsApp video calls.

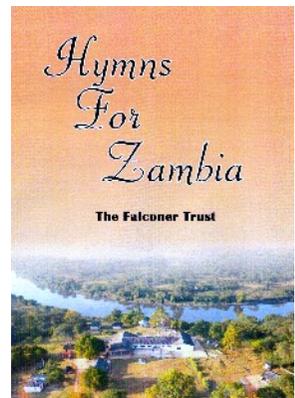
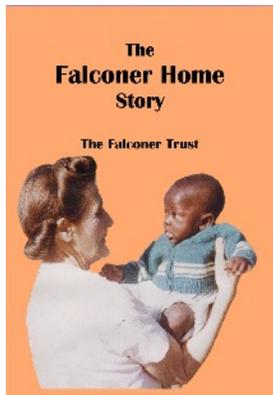
It is hoped that as we move towards ending lockdown, we will be able to resume deputation visits in the coming months. Neil would be happy to take provisional bookings for the second half of the year, in the hope that visits will be possible by then. In the meantime, we have produced another short video update on Youtube, which we would encourage you to share with your fellowship and friends. It can be accessed via the following link:



<https://youtu.be/nqslFnUIwLA>

DVDs

A new DVD is available, entitled 'The Falconer Home Story'. It tells of how Liliias falconer travelled to Africa and established the orphanage in Kabulamema. It follows the story through to the present day, using archive photos and video footage, and drawing on letters written by Liliias herself.



The 'Hymns for Zambia' DVD is still available. To obtain either of these, please get in touch by email or phone.

The Generator

A new building is currently being constructed to house the new generator, as it is too large to fit in the building where the old generator is kept. As can be seen in the pictures, the main shell has been built, and the roof is currently being constructed. Once completed, the generator can be fully installed.



Parcels



A batch of parcels ready to be delivered to Purfleet, to be transported by sea to Africa

The paperwork has now been completed, and we have resumed sending parcels of goods to the Home. The parcels include clothes, blankets, food, toiletries, stationery and other items required by the Home. Thank you

to all of you who donate goods, knit blankets and clothes, and give financially so that parcels can be sent.

For much of 2020 we were unable to send parcels to the Falconer Home, due to paperwork issues in Zambia. The Home was required to produce documentation to demonstrate that it is a genuine charity. This included accounts and land registry paperwork. Until this was done, the customs exemption certificate was not valid. This meant that if parcels were sent they would have incurred substantial customs charges.



Please Pray...

- ... for Simon's health and continued recovery, thanking God for preserving him through his illness
- ... for the staff at the Home as they care for the children and continue the maintenance work
- ... for the continued safety and wellbeing of the children
- ... for the completion of the generator house and the successful installation of the generator.
- ... that we may soon be able to resume deputation visits



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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