



The Roof Is Raised!

During late June/early July, a team of six men spent two weeks at the Falconer Home, carrying out the work planned as part of the 'Raise The Roof' Project. The plan had been that the roof would have been replaced before our arrival, and we would have been able to carry on with building two extra bedrooms, installing sinks and showers, installing lights and power sockets, re-glazing the windows, re-decorating, and installing bunk beds and lockers.



When we arrived, however, there was no roof on the dormitory, and the roof trusses were yet to be made. To further complicate matters, the tools and materials we had sent out several months earlier had not yet arrived! So we set about constructing roof trusses, bricklaying, and general preparatory work. Three days into the project, most of our tools and materials arrived, and we were able to get on with other tasks.

By the end of two weeks, the roof was on, the plumbing and electrical work were completed, the windows glazed, and some of the decorating was done. New front doors were fitted, and a sign was painted on the front of the building. These jobs were done working in partnership with a great team of local workers. It was great to see Zambian and British teams working together to get the job done.



*Ken, Peter, Dennis, Eric
(kneeling) Neil, Graham*

Tasks yet to be done are the decorating of the bedrooms, internal doors to be made, and bunk beds and lockers to be put in place. These are all jobs which the local workers at the Home will be able to do, so we pray that by the time you read this newsletter the dormitory will be occupied by 24 boys!

A big thank you to all who supported us through prayer and finance. We would not have been able to do it without you!

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.



Megan's Mega Fundraising Effort!



The Stansfield family from Burnage, Manchester, recently paid a visit to the Falconer Home en route to their holiday in Kenya. A few weeks previously, Megan Stansfield took part in a 5K 'Colour Run' to raise funds for the Home. She managed to raise over £600, which she was able to present personally to Simon during their visit. Duncan Stansfield described their trip to the home as 'life-changing'.

We want to thank and congratulate Megan for her wonderful effort!

Are you able to organise any fundraising events? Maybe a sponsored event, a coffee morning, a bring-and-buy sale, or something else? Please see the 'How Can I Help' section of our website for ideas and resources. We would so appreciate any help you can give!

How Your Money Helps The Children

We very much appreciate your continued financial support for the work of the Home, without which would be impossible for this to continue. Here are some ways in which the money you give directly helps the children:

- **Food** - staff at the home barter with villagers for fresh food, but this is not always possible, and food has to be purchased.
- **School fees** - children above a certain age have to pay school fees, otherwise they are not allowed to attend. The Zambian government should be paying this, but do not.
- **Staff wages** - looking after over 100 children requires a significant number of staff. When money is short, staff have frequently worked unpaid, but this is clearly a very unsatisfactory situation.
- **Parcels** - it costs around £1400 to send a batch of 60 parcels from the UK to the shippers in Ndola. Added to this is the cost of getting the parcels from there to the home. These parcels of clothes, food, toiletries, medicines etc. are a vital resource for the children.



- **Maintenance costs** - repairs to the buildings, the vehicles, the water system etc. are always ongoing, and are vital for providing a healthy and safe environment for the children. Currently the home does not have a working vehicle, which provides another challenge to Simon and the staff!

It is perhaps a sign of the times that the Home is increasingly dependent on financial support rather than sending goods. The Trust is currently looking at how we can meet this need!

The Petrol Station and the Roller Mill

The Falconer Home owns two important buildings in the nearest town, Kabompo, 35 miles away. One is a petrol station, which until recently was being run by a company who, in return, supplied the home with diesel. Unfortunately the person who was running the petrol station has disappeared, along with the takings! Simon now needs to find a way of bringing the petrol station back into operation so that it provides and income for the home.

Next door to the petrol station is the roller mill, which requires an extra push to get it operational. It will then need someone to run the enterprise. When completed it could provide valuable income for the home.

Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the 'Raise The Roof' Project and all the work completed. Please pray for the children who will living in the newly refurbished dormitory.
- ...for Simon, Miriam, and all the staff at the home, as they work to care for the children. Pray that the staff needs will also be met.
- ...that God will provide working vehicles for the home.
- ...for the petrol station and roller mill, that both of these will soon be up and running, and providing valuable income for the home.
- ...for all the children, that they will continue to be kept healthy, safe and happy!



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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