



Walking In The Light

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

(1 John 1:7)

One of the songs which we always enjoy hearing the children at the Home sing is 'We Are Walking In The Light Of God'. During our visit in June, Simon encouraged the children not only to sing the songs with enthusiasm, but to learn the meaning behind the words, and to grasp the great spiritual truths contained in them. He has put together a team of people whose task is to teach the children not only to sing, but also to learn to grow spiritually through the songs. Simon is keen that all of the children grow up learning to walk in the light of God.

There are plans to ensure that the children will be able to walk in the light in a



very literal sense too! During our visit we were dismayed to learn that the main generator which supplies power to the Home had broken down, and a small portable generator was being used to supply power to the main house. This had drastic implications, because it meant that other parts of the site were not receiving power, and also because the water pump in the river was not being powered, there was no running water. The broken parts of the generator had been sent away to be repaired. In the meantime, we were able to purchase a solar powered system, and it is being installed as I write. This system charges a 12 volt

battery which will allow lights to be turned on through the night, making it so much easier for the workers to attend to the children during the night, without having to resort to torches or candles.

On our last day at the Home we visited the District Commissioner in Kabompo. There we learned that mains electricity should reach Kabulamema before the end of the year, possibly as soon as September. This would obviously transform life at the Home, opening up so many possibilities. Please pray that this comes to fruition, and that the lives of the children become more comfortable, safe and secure because of it.





Mama Robinah

During our visit in June, Mama Robinah very sadly passed away, at the age of 82. She had worked at the home, looking after the children since the 1980's, and had only stopped work a few months previously, due to her failing health. We thank God for the life of Mama Robinah, and for all the care and love she gave to so many children at the Home.

2017 DVD

The DVD of the recent visit is now in preparation. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a copy when it becomes available.



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, but sending as many as possible by email will save us postage costs.

Sending Medicinal Items

Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to send to the Home items such as Paracetamol, Calpol, Dioralyte etc. This is because of new UK government legislation regarding the export of drugs. We can still send non-medicinal items such as plasters and bandages. We must now explore ways of enabling the Home to obtain medicinal items from within Zambia, possibly from the hospital at Chitokoloki.



Parcels

During our visit we witnessed the arrival of a lorry carrying three batches of the parcels we had sent - 180 parcels in all! It was very exciting to see their arrival, and to know the difference they will make to everyone at the Home.

Current Progress and Future Plans

The dormitory which was renovated last year in the 'Raise The Roof' Project is now receiving its finishing touches. While we were visiting in June, ceiling boards were being fitted in all rooms, and paint was bought to finish the decoration of the bedrooms.



Issues regarding the petrol station are still being resolved, and our hope is that it will be functioning again in the next few months. There are several administrative issues concerning the roller mill which need to be dealt with before any more decisions can be made.

As part of ongoing improvements to the Home, Simon is planning to refurbish the existing kitchen at one end of the main building, and build a second kitchen at the other end. At the moment there is an unused room next to the second dining room which is ideal for use as a kitchen. This would mean that staff would have greater flexibility in preparing meals for the different age groups. The existing kitchen needs a new cooker and sink, hand-washing facility, and improved food storage. The new kitchen would need all of these as well. Simon is currently preparing to lay a tiled floor in the new kitchen.

News of the Children

There are currently 82 children at the Home. The youngest is Megan, who arrived last year as a baby, and Maria and Shirley, who are just a little older. All appear to be in good health and well fed. Many of the older children take responsibility for various tasks around the Home, such as tending the livestock and the garden, and looking after the younger children.



Andrew proudly showing off his school Maths test in which he scored 77% !



Megan



Maria and Shirley

Luke - The First Orphan

Martin Webb has put together a lovely six-minute video about Luke Fondulu, the first baby which Miss Falconer took in. You can watch it on the Falconer Trust website by clicking on "Video Gallery".



Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the general good health of the children, and also for the safe arrival of the recent batches of parcels.
- ... For the situation regarding the generator and the electricity supply
- ... For a solution to the problem of supplying medicines to the Home
- ... For the various plans for improvements to the buildings

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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Mark, who was one of Miss Falconer's original six babies.

