

## Please Pray...

- ... Thanks to God for a safe trip to the Home, especially on the long journeys by road.
- ... for Simon, for his health, and for guidance in planning for the future..
- ... for the projects which are currently being carried out at the Home and at the farm.
- ... for progress on the electricity and water situation.
- ... for the health and wellbeing of all the children and young people
- ... for the staff of the Home, as they seek to implement the various regulations imposed by the Zambian government.

## 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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## A Hope And A Future

*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'  
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

The trip to the Falconer Home this year provided much food for thought, and we became aware of many more challenges faced by the Home. The Zambian government continues to impose further regulations on the Home, while providing no financial support to make these things happen. Many changes will be necessary in the coming years, and in human terms one wonders how it will be possible for them to happen.

We must trust, however, that God, who is unchanging, has His own plans for the Home, and that these are good plans. We must also trust that He has all the resources of Heaven at His disposal to make them happen.

One requirement of the Zambian government is that the Falconer Home must become an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization, i.e. a non-profit organization that operates independently of any government). In order to comply with this requirement, the Home must put in place many policies and documents relating

to employees, and to the practical operation of the Home, such as a Fire Evacuation Policy. These will take a great deal of time, and, in some cases, financial resources.

There are further requirements which have been placed upon the home, and complying with all of these will be extremely difficult.

Please pray for the staff of the Home as they face these new challenges, while continuing to struggle to meet the daily needs of the children.



*Brian looks forward to his nshima and relish!*



*Maize being harvested at Simon's farm*

## The 2019 Visit

In July Ken, Pat, their grandson Jonathan, and Neil visited the Falconer Home. Dennis had also planned to come, but due to health problems he was not allowed to fly. Because we were not able to use the airstrip at the Home, we flew to Ndola, then had a two-day drive to the Home.



One of our aims while there was to assess and improve the situation regarding electricity and running water. We had sent out some armoured cable which could be run underground, as the electric cables currently used were a major safety concern. We also sent out two portable generators and two petrol water pumps. We had hoped to find out whether it was possible to pump water from the river to the water tower using these pumps. We eventually managed to get a pump working, but did not manage to link it to the pipes which run up to the water tower. However, Elvis (seen here with the water pump) was trained to continue this pump operation.

Since last year's visit, a great deal of work has been done around the home. Repairs have been made to the roof of the main house to stop leaks. A verandah is being built which will provide shelter for the children in the rainy season.

One of the highlights of the visit was seeing the progress that has been made at the farm, about five miles from the Home. A great deal of activity was obvious. Two temporary homes have been erected, housing about ten farm workers, who have produced a good maize crop that filled up a new maize store. Two permanent farm houses are now being built. Piles of bricks were ready for this purpose, with many more bricks being made each day. Sites have been prepared for a poultry house for 250 broilers, and another for 300 layers. A piggery unit for six sows and a dairy building for ten cows were also being prepared.



*Jonathan held some Maths coaching sessions for the older teenagers, while Neil, gave some tutoring on using laptops.*



Other areas of farmland have been allocated for maize, cassava, beans and various other crops. Miss Falconer would have been delighted to see this progress!

A tragic event occurred during our stay. A 32 year old woman called Mercy, who had physical and learning difficulties, had been looked after at the Home for many years. She greeted us warmly on our first morning at the Home, but within a few hours had gone down to the river, and drowned. This made me even more aware of the fragility of life among the vulnerable children and adults at the Home.

## News of the Children

As ever, the children at the Home seem happy and well cared for. There has been an increase in the number of babies arriving, and currently the youngest is John.

It was good to see how the older children take care of the younger ones. It was also pleasing to see that the teenagers worked so hard when the maize was being harvested. It is encouraging to know that the children are brought up with a real sense of being responsible for one another, and for the 'family' as a whole.



*Twins Shirley and Maria*



*John*



*Some of the children with their home-made kite.*

## Visits

Neil regularly gives presentations about the Falconer Home and the work of the Trust. If you would like him to visit your church, midweek group, school or other meeting, please get in touch.

## 2019 DVD

A DVD of this year's visit is currently in preparation. Please let us know if you would like a complimentary copy when it is ready.