



## **A New Generation**

*One generation will commend Your works to the next,  
and will proclaim Your mighty acts—  
the glorious splendour of Your majesty.  
And I will meditate on Your wondrous works.*

**Psalms 145:4-5**

It has been a long time since new babies arrived at the Falconer Home, but in April there was a sudden flurry of arrivals, with five girls, including two sets of twins,



arriving in the space of a few days. Some came within hours of being born, others were three months old. Because it had been a while since there were young babies at the Home, there was suddenly a need for baby formula milk, which we have had to send by air freight to get there quickly. All five girls are doing well, and it is lovely to see a new generation of children being cared for.



### **Mama Eunice**

Sadly, one of the longest-serving carers at the Home, Mama Eunice, passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> May, from a serious chest infection. Eunice was the senior carer for the youngest children, and had devoted her life to the Falconer Home. We thank God for her life of selfless service to the children. She will be greatly missed by all in Kabulamema.

# Video Update



In July a new 7-minute long video update was published on YouTube, with news on the building work, the new babies, the parcels situation, and the passing of Mama Eunice. To watch the video, click on the link: <https://youtu.be/zHaRe-nllgc> or go to YouTube and type in the search box 'Falconer Children's Home Update July 2022'.

## Building Work

Work is progressing slowly on the building work around the Home. The main focus is currently the rebuilding of the old church as a dormitory for the girls. Much work is being done on an extension to the main shell of the church, where toilets and showers will be installed. The area enclosed by the walls of the old church, which will be where the bedrooms are situated, has had the floor levelled, and will have a ring beam added to the top of the walls to support the roof. As can be seen in the pictures, a great deal of work has been done, but there is still so much more to do. Progress is being hampered by a lack of funds, and a lack of a vehicle with which to transport



*Making bricks for the new building*

materials. Toilets have been installed in the boys' dormitory, which should mean that it meets all of the demands of Social Services. Until all of these building projects are completed, and children can be moved out of the main house, work cannot begin on the roof replacement. What started out as appearing to be a relatively simple task has become a vast, expensive and time-consuming project.

## Transport

Another urgent need at the Home is for reliable transport. The 4x4 in the picture has now been off the road for some months, needing an engine repair. There is currently no working vehicle on site, and this is causing enormous problems regarding travelling to the city to buy supplies, or even getting to the town of Kabompo 35 miles away.



One kind volunteer, Charles, has been running errands on his motorcycle, but as you can see, he is only able to carry very small quantities of goods at a time. Simon would greatly appreciate any help you are able to give in meeting the cost of repairs to the car.



*Charles on his motorcycle*

## Parcels

Sending parcels to the Home continues to present major challenges. As outlined in the last newsletter, it will be necessary for us to find a new company to handle our shipments, and we believe we may have found a company who can do this, but it will inevitably involve increased costs (probably an extra £300-£400 per batch).

The Falconer Home has recently been successful in renewing its Customs Rebate and Exemption Certificate, which entitles the Home to avoid paying import duty on goods. There are, however, many items which are not covered by the certificate, and staff must make separate applications to government departments for these items. This is why the paperwork process takes an exceptionally long time to complete. Clarks, along with his sister Christabel, who is one of the trustees of the Home, together attend to these matters.



Meanwhile, items which are required urgently at the Home are sent via DHL air freight. Transit time for such a parcel would normally be about five days, though recently these parcels have also been subject to customs delays.

## Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the life and work of Mama Eunice
- ... for the five baby girls, and for all of the children, that they stay healthy, and that their needs are provided for
- ... for Simon and his team as they seek to complete the huge building projects at the Home
- ... for the resources to provide the materials and labour for the building work
- ... for the need for a working vehicle
- ... for the parcel difficulties to be resolved

## 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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