



A Visitor's View of the Home

In the course of our lives, only the luckiest are given an opportunity to see the world through the eyes of another. Truly see it, taste it and feel it. I am one of the lucky ones.

At Falconer Home, I saw children who at first didn't seem to have much, in the western sense I guess, meaning things that make life fun. No brightly coloured plastic toys, no swimming pools filled with clear blue water. There were no bicycles, no kites, none of the familiar elements of children at play. But, there were hands to clap, and voices to sing, and legs with which to run. Simple and fun games were played on the dirt without toys, bats or balls, learned from friends who look and feel like siblings in the best sense of the word.



I tasted food from a communal pot, unable to recognize the unfamiliar flavours. But the food was hot and well-cooked, organic because here there is no other way. Smells wafted in the direction of the children, for whom nourishment was not taken for granted, but solemnly shared. It seems that everyone gets what they need, and nothing goes to waste. We were eating to live, to care for our bodies the best we could, rather than living to eat. The pot of food seemed like a prayer.

I felt babies wriggling in my lap, wearing nappies that while clean were so threadbare, so worn, I could not imagine seeing such nappies on babies here at home. Mamas and girls alike looked after each infant with the love and patience of the best parent, without having read any of parenting books or attended any of child-rearing classes. They were guided by their instincts, and taught by those who had looked after them when they were small.

My good friend from Kenya, Fr. Patrick Baraza, was amongst those who visited Falconer Home with me in early June. He had been teaching me the meaning of the Bantu word 'ubuntu', which roughly translates to "I am, because we are." For the first time in my life, I was conscious of living ubuntu that day at Falconer Home. I think that far too few places in our world evoke and nourish ubuntu, but I can say with certainty that Falconer Home is one that does. Seeing it through the eyes of those who live and love there was a gift, and understanding that ubuntu is within us all is what I cherish.

Ann Brunett, Executive Vice President, The Mitchell Group, Illinois

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2017 DVD

The DVD of the 2017 visit, entitled 'Walking In The Light', is now available. Please let us know if you would like a copy.



The 2018 Visit

Plans are well under way for this year's visit to the Falconer Home. Neil Starling, and Dennis Webb will be going out to the Home for two weeks in late May. They hope to encourage the staff in their work at the Home, as well as bringing back lots of lovely photos and video footage. They will no doubt get stuck in to some practical jobs while they are there too!

Here in Watton



We would like to express our thanks to our two volunteers, Brian and Margaret Nash, who work so hard at the unit in Watton, where they pack boxes of goods which are sent out, and generally keep the unit in good order. Brian also regularly accompanies Neil on trips to deliver batches of parcels to the shippers, and to collect donations of goods. We are so grateful for their support, as we would struggle to manage without them!

News from Simon



I send my sincere love and thanks to you on behalf of myself and everyone out here. The children here at the Home are doing well especially with your extra love, care, and concern. I am with a group of young men helping with the various repairs and renovations taking place in the main House. We have according to myself made great strides for the better caring of the many young children being cared for here at the Children's Home & Orphanage.

Much work has been carried out in the big house, yet more has got to be done before we can sit back and say we're done. This building is now thirty two years old and with children walking the house daily we cannot expect things to be intact.

For months on end the children used one workable toilet while the other seven were not used due to their disorder. Now I can gladly say that nine toilets will be available as soon as we have running water.

There is a need for two vehicles e.g. 5 to 7 ton Japanese vehicle and a four wheel drive van is something this Home needs urgently, if we're to see good work put forward. It all sounds and looks impossible, but all things are possible with Him.

The electric power grid program is still not in progress but we're not losing hope as we know it will soon come round. Meanwhile we will still depend on the big generator for our lights and water pump.

We are starting to clear areas for gardens and need to get whatever we can to be able to provide our own meat. Today our piggery unit is being compacted so that we can feed our pigs better, and concrete should in a few days time be replaced. Two of our young boys, Moses and Billy are much interested in animal production and care. Please pray for them as they are dedicated to this side of the work, and we're hoping when they are ready to go to college they will return to help the Home for meat production. We hope also to do poultry so that we're able to get our own eggs.

We are feeding the children much better than before and yet I still feel they could do with more. They certainly look much healthier than they did before. We are clothing them better but when we're able to get power back it will be even better. Thank you for the clothes and bedding which is needed more and more.

We cannot wait to get in what's arrived and we thank all our God sent helpers who support us. I wish you could see how your efforts are such a great blessing to so many out here.

Please Pray...

- ...for all the maintenance and repair work that Simon and his team are carrying out
- ...for Simon's need of vehicles, and other equipment for the work
- ...for Mama Eunice, who has been very unwell recently
- ...for the trip to the Home in May - that Neil and Dennis have a fruitful time there.
- ...for the safety and good health of all of the children and staff at the Home.

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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