The Falconer Trust

Supporting the Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage, Kabulamema, Zambia

Newsletter Christmas 2026



Trust In The Lord

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

In October Neil, Duncan and Susan paid a brief visit to the Falconer Home. This was the first visit since Simon's death in June, so it was an emotional time. We were encouraged to see the children all doing well, and life continuing as normal, under the new directorship of Simon's nephew, Clarks. We were able to spend time with him, discussing all aspects of the future running of the Home.



A solemn moment at Simon's grave: Neil, Duncan, Susan, Miriam, Clarks

Many members of the Kabulamema community came to greet us, including two of the local headmen, and a local councillor. We also spent time at the school, talking to the new headteacher, and the deputy head. It was apparent that Clarks has the full support and confidence of the wider community, which we found very heartening.



Clarks has a clear vision for the future of the Home, wanting to see projects completed, and new initiatives begun, in order to benefit the children. Like his late uncle, he has a clear love for the children, and commands their respect. Also like his uncle, he has a deep faith, and trusts in the Lord to guide and provide.

Clarks is assembling a management team to work with him. They will take responsibility for various aspects of the running of the home, including childcare, administration, the farm, and the garage/workshop.

The Dormitories



A few days after arriving home from our visit, we were informed that there had been a storm at Kabulamema, and the wind had taken off a substantial section of the roof of the boys' dormitory. The boys had to be moved out while a temporary repair was carried out. The whole roof, however, will need to be removed and replaced.



The girls' dormitory has made a little progress since last year's visit, with window frames and door frames having been fitted. Some concrete pillars have also been built, which will bear the weight of the metal roof trusses. Progress was halted when Simon became ill, but it is hoped that this will be resumed very soon.

DVD of the 2026 Visit

A DVD of this year's visit is currently in preparation. Please get in touch to reserve your copy. It will also be made available on YouTube and through the website.





Trustees

Might God be calling you to become a trustee of the Falconer Trust? Please prayerfully consider this, and get in touch if you feel that this might be a way that you could serve.

The Farm

We were very excited to see how the farm had developed since the last visit. With the new irrigation system now fully operational, the large maize field is yielding two crops per year. This means that there is enough to feed the children with their daily nshima, as well as selling to the government and to local markets, thus generating an income for the Home.



Other crops are also being grown, including onions, tomatoes, cabbages, cassava and sunflowers. Green beans and okra are crops which are being tried out on a small scale for now. With the various crops being such a success, the farm now needs better transport for taking maize to market. At the Home there is an old truck which Clarks feels could be operational with a new engine and gearbox! Perhaps a trailer may be another option.



How To Donate

There are several ways that you can make a donation for the work of the Falconer Children's Home:

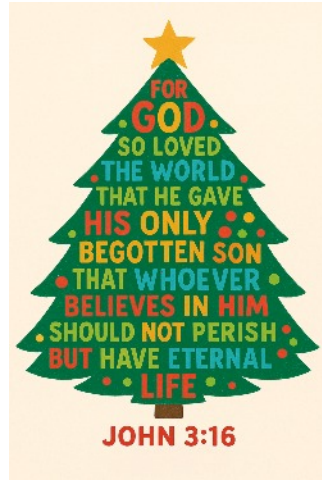
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THANK YOU!

Please Pray…

- … Thank God for the life, dedication and example of Simon
- … for Clarks and his new team as they continue the work of the Home
- … for the children, particularly as they mourn the loss of Simon
- … for the repair of the boys' dormitory, and the completion of the girls' dormitory
- … for continued development and success at the farm





Thank You

A very big thank you to all who have supported the work throughout the year in some way, through your prayer and giving. May God bless you richly for your efforts on behalf of the children. May you have a happy, blessed, peaceful Christmas!

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