



He Grants Peace...

*He strengthens the bars of your gates, and blesses your people within you.
He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.*
Psalms 147:13-14

The world is currently in turmoil due to the war in the Middle East. We all feel the effects of it in rising fuel costs, other financial implications, and travel disruption. It is easy to imagine that a place as remote as Kabulamema would be relatively untouched by these events, but it is not so. Simon has reported today that fuel is unobtainable locally, and that he must travel towards the Angolan border in order to buy more. Travel is vital in order to purchase the most basic of items. We should remember the Home in our prayers at this difficult time.

Nevertheless, Simon presses on with the daily challenge of providing for 55 children. Work continues at pace at the farm, growing crops for food for the Home. Maize, tomatoes and various vegetables are currently being grown, with



plans for various other foods in the future. Meanwhile, at the Home itself, the girls' dormitory is progressing, albeit slowly. 24 windows are being fitted, in readiness for the construction of the roof.

A New Arrival



On New Year's Day a baby boy arrived at the Home. His name is Daniel, and at the time of arrival he was seven weeks old. He was brought by his uncle on the back of a motorbike! Simon said 'it shows that God still wants this work to continue saving lives'.

Steel window frames have been delivered, and are being installed in the girls' dormitory.

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer, please consider enabling us to claim Gift Aid on your donations. When you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form it enables us to claim 25p from HMRC for every £1 that you donate, at no extra expense to yourself. Simply complete the form and send it to us, and we do the rest. You can download the form from our website at:



<https://thefalconertrust.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

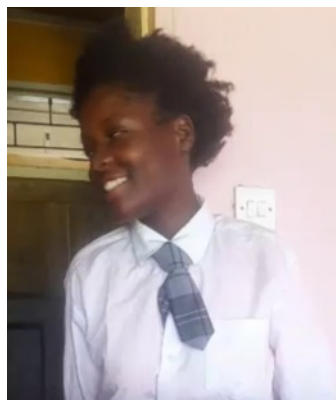
Gift Aid makes a big difference to our ability to support the Falconer Home. Thank you!

The 2026 Visit To The Home

The annual visit to the Falconer Home is planned for late June. Neil will arrive at the Home on 14th June, with trustees Duncan and Susan arriving a few days later. They will all depart on the 25th June.

At the time of writing, the war in the Middle East casts uncertainty over our plans. Neil's flights go via Dubai, and Duncan and Susan's flights go via Doha. Both cities are embroiled in the conflict, though we trust that the war will have ended well before then.

Assuming that the visit is able to go ahead, Neil, Duncan and Susan will be able to evaluate progress on the various projects, especially the girls' dormitory and the farm. They will also have discussions with Simon and Clarks about how we can most effectively support the Home in the future. And of course they will have fun playing with the children!



Other Work at the Home

As well as the work on the girls' dormitory mentioned at the start of this newsletter, various tasks are being carried out at the farm. Fencing is being installed to keep livestock off the maize field, so that crops are not damaged. In the picture on the right you can see wooden moulds put in place, which are then filled with concrete to create the posts 'in situ'.



Meanwhile, the goat house has been moved from the Home to the farm. This presented a huge logistical challenge, as you can see!



Speaking Visits

Neil is available to visit your church, school or midweek group to give talks about the work of the Falconer Trust. Please phone or email if you would like to book him to come and visit.

Parcels

Our final consignment of parcels was dispatched to the Home in August of last year. Unfortunately, due to customs problems the parcels are stuck in Durban, South Africa. Staff at the Home have been working for months to get the issue resolved so that the parcels can be released. Storage charges are being incurred all the while that the parcels are not moving. Please pray that the matter is brought to a conclusion swiftly.

This underlines why we have felt it necessary to cease sending parcels to the Home. We will, of course, continue to support the home financially.



Please Pray...

- Give thanks for progress at the farm and on the girls' dormitory.
- ... for the ability to obtain enough fuel to meet the various transport needs.
- ... for safety for the children and staff, and the wider community.
- ... for the swift release of the final batch of parcels.
- ... for Neil and the trustees as they seek the most effective ways of supporting the Falconer Home.
- ... for the visit to the Home in June - that it is able to go ahead safely.

Thank You

A very big thank you to all who faithfully support the work in some way, whether through prayer, finance, or any other way. May God bless you richly for your efforts on behalf of the children. Simon and the children are grateful for all of you!



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