



Good and Faithful Servant

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!'

Matthew 25:23



It is with immense sadness that we must announce the homecall of our dear Simon, on Tuesday 23rd June, at Maina Soko Military Hospital, Lusaka. He had been suffering from various conditions, and on admission to the hospital, advanced cancer had been found in several organs. His daughters were at his side, along with his nephew Clarks.

The funeral was held on Wednesday 1st August at the Falconer Home, where Simon was laid to rest next to Miss Falconer's memorial house, overlooking the river. The event was attended

by thousands, including past and present children of the Home, all the local churches, schools and the community of Kabulamema, and dignitaries from local and national government.

It is impossible to sum up in a few words the extraordinary life of love, faith and devotion that Simon lived, but hopefully the enclosed tribute in some small measure reflects the stature of this great man. After sending out the announcement of Simon's death, I received many letters and emails of condolence, and many of them quoted the above scripture - "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Simon's final message to me, as he lay in his hospital bed, showed his true heart - *"Last but never the least my missing of all my little children, 54 of them in the Home"*.



Introducing Clarks

Simon's nephew, Clarks takes over the directorship of the Home with immediate effect. He has worked for the Home for many years, particularly in the areas of administration, ensuring that the Home has all necessary documents in place, such as Land Registry, import permits and rebates, paperwork for the children's health and welfare, and policies concerning safeguarding, fire safety etc.



Clarks knows the children really well, and has a great relationship with them. We are confident that he will command the respect and love of the children under his care. He will establish a management team around him, who will be responsible for various aspects of Home life, such as childcare, administration, the farm, purchasing, and buildings and maintenance. We will let Clarks introduce himself further...

My name is Clarks Chisola Mukuma, and I am deeply humbled and honoured to serve as the Director of Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage. I believe this appointment is not only a professional responsibility but also a calling from God to serve vulnerable children with compassion, integrity, and Christ-like love. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Counselling, a Diploma in Community-Based Work with Children and Youth, and professional qualifications in Diplomatic Practice, Protocol, and Public Relations. I am currently in my final year of a Master's Degree in Social Work and Counselling and in my second year of studying for a Bachelor of Laws (LLB). These studies are strengthening my ability to provide informed leadership, enhance child protection and safeguarding systems, promote sound governance and legal compliance, and ensure that the rights, welfare, and best interests of every child entrusted to Falconer remain at the centre of all we do.

Throughout my career in child protection, counselling, and organisational leadership, God has continued to strengthen my passion for serving children and families. My prayer is that, together with our dedicated staff, trustees, partners, and supporters, we will continue to build on Falconer's strong Christian foundation, providing every child with a safe home, quality care, hope for the future, and the opportunity to know the love of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for your prayers and partnership as we faithfully serve the Lord together.

Please keep Clarks and his team in your prayers during this time of transition.



A New Arrival

On Thursday 30th July a 10-day old baby girl was brought to the Home, and became the newest member of the Falconer family. Her mother became very ill after giving birth, and passed away in the hospital a week later. The baby has not yet been named.

It is lovely to know that the work continues - that God still has a plan and a purpose for the Home.

Clarks and the new baby girl

The Farm

We are pleased to be able to report that, thanks to the new irrigation system at the farm, there has been an excellent maize harvest this season. This has meant that not only has maize been grown to feed the children, but a large quantity has been sold to the government, generating an income which can be ploughed back into the farm. The money can be used to purchase seed and fertilizer for the next season.

The 2026 Visit

Our visit which was planned for June was unable to take place, for two main reasons - firstly, with Simon being so ill at the time, we did not want to put him under further pressure with our arrival. Secondly, as the war in Iran continued, our flights were disrupted. Neil's flight was via Dubai, and Duncan and Sue were travelling via Doha. Both of these places were unsafe because of the war. We have managed to re-schedule our flights for October, though as the war shows no sign of ending soon, our plans may have to change again. It may be possible to fly a different route, but we will have to make that decision nearer the time.



Some of the older children in their new school uniforms

Please Pray...

- ... Thank God for the life of Simon Samutala, for the wonderful lifetime of service given to the children of the Home over so many years
- ... for the children, as they grieve the loss of the great man, and adjust to life in his absence
- ... for Clarks and his team as they take over the running of the Home, and provide care for the children
- ... for the new baby girl, that she grows healthy and strong, and settles well in her new home
- ... for continued success at the farm, with good crops to feed the children and provide an income

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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