

Dear All

It's Tuesday morning and I wanted to tell you all about what has been happening since I wrote the email below. I have included it because the email system bounced back so many of your addresses I really do not know who received it and who did not. Hopefully this message will go through without difficulty.

We had a busy day yesterday going round various offices. We were greatly assisted by Zambian friends who used their contacts to make appointments for us and accompany us to the meetings. I know they would rather not be named, though I am VERY tempted to give them the credit due to them. We were also supported by our local MP Guy Scott and his wife Charlotte – a couple with Scottish roots, though Guy's family seems to have been here forever – well at least 3 generations. We were also conscious of the flood of prayer and good wishes from all who received the email below. Thank you to you all.

Without going into too much detail of what was a long and stressful day, we ended up meeting the Minister of Community Development and Social Welfare who runs the department of SW and his Permanent Secretary, who both felt that the proposed action was wrong. They made phone calls and instructed that the children were not to be moved and that everything must be done to speed up the process of registration of our facility. We were very kindly received by both men and we took the opportunity to invite them to visit when they had time, which they accepted.

Of course the matter is not over yet, as there are some very angry people still opposed to us, but we hope and pray that sense will prevail and that we will be able to proceed with our lives with the boys without further hindrance. We really do not want to fight anyone and we cannot understand why they want to fight us. As you can guess we both feel drained and would like to sleep for a long time, however there is little opportunity for that.

Thank you all for the support you have given us. It was very humbling to be the focus of so much love and goodwill. God bless you all,

Don & Christine