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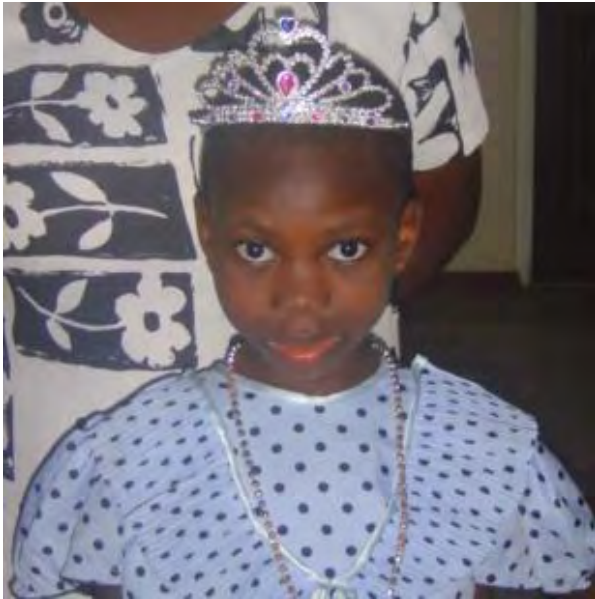
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"... for his mercy is very great..." (1 Chronicles 21:13 NIV).

As we journeyed through these first months of 2009, we saw the "... wideness in God's mercy. ..." to Rafiki Village Ghana. We asked and God answered.

Grace began God's answers in January. She wore a birthday crown and wide smile for her sixth birthday celebration complete with cake for the Village.



GRACE WITH HER BIRTHDAY CROWN

The first Friday in February the entire Village lined the road and greeted our newest children waving our welcome hankies and singing "To God be the Glory." After two weeks, brothers Prince and Randy started kindergarten, and Emmanuel entered first grade. We now have thirty-six boys and twenty-eight girls. (The new mother-in-training wants girls for her cottage☺.)



WE WAVE WELCOME HANKIES TO THE NEW CHILDREN

Beginning this school year, all of our children attend preschool, kindergarten, primary, or junior secondary school. Because of this gift of free time, our Rafiki Mothers are using their morning hours for basket weaving lessons. They learned that the first lesson in weaving is "splitting straw". And it is done with the teeth; no easy task! Next comes rolling the straw, then weaving. Our second, third, and fourth graders, too, are taking basket weaving lessons, but on Saturday mornings. They love this "lesson time" more than the usual "chore time." No surprise!



RAFIKI MOTHER SUSSIE SPLITTING STRAW



BASKET WEAVING CLASS ON SATURDAY MORNING

The Rafiki School Children's Choir invited our neighboring village (an orphanage) to their first official performance. Our choir received a standing ovation and willingly gave an encore! Our choir now wants to go on a "road tour."



JSS CHOIR AND CHOIR MASTER RICHTER

We added eleven day-students to the second term of the school year. Day-students are those who live in the surrounding villages that are in great financial need. They may attend without cost. Rafiki provides schooling, uniforms, and two meals a day for these needy students. What a privilege, what an opportunity for these eleven! *May God bring teachers and funds so we can add more students.*

Agbeko, a star of my last newsletter, had another surgery on his leg. This time he got a cast and was home within the week walking with crutches. No antics from Agbeko until he came back to Rafiki. When Agbeko thought he was alone in his room, his Rafiki Mother caught him hopping without the crutches on his good leg!



AGBEKO IS ALL SMILES WITH HIS NEW CAST

Our Rafiki Village continues to study the Old Testament Israelites in the Book of Judges as they claim and live in the Promised Land. They saw "There is wideness in God's mercy." We are grateful to see God's wide mercy every day at Rafiki Village Ghana.



THE WIDE REBUILT RAFIKI ROAD

"But God, being rich in mercy . . . made us alive together with Christ. . ." (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Christ is risen,
Nancy

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