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“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing” (Zephaniah 3:17 KJV).

Dear Family and Friends,

Wow! What a wonderful furlough!

Words cannot express my gratitude to you all for the fun, fellowship, and food I enjoyed. I am overwhelmed with your generosity. God is rejoicing over you with joy! Thank you!

Weather, Wave, & Wedding.....

St. Louis weather was a bit hotter than Accra: 103 degrees on July 23, but NO breeze. Yes, I lived in AC the whole time I was in St. Louis. “The Wave” at the Cardinals’ baseball game was led by bride-to-be Melinda. But the first place Cards lost to the Milwaukee Brewers. The end of my furlough highlight was the wedding of Erik Schjolberg and my daughter Melinda on July 23rd. There was much rejoicing, resting in His love, and singing His praises that special day! Erik and Melinda planned a wonderful wedding (without my help). They were married in the same church where they met at the Young Adults’ Bible Study Fellowship in October 2003. All of the people in the wedding party were family members except two groomsmen, good friends of Erik’s.

Boo Hoos and Babies.....

Saying goodbye to the newlyweds, my children and grandchildren, my brothers and families, and my friends was difficult. However, I rejoiced with the Lord over the delivery of our 55th Rafiki child. He was born May 8th and arrived at Rafiki June 29th at 6 1/2 weeks of age. His name is Moses. Pray that *God will save* both physically and spiritually those children now waiting for paperwork to be completed before they come to Rafiki.

Conference and Classes.....

Rafiki’s interdenominational pastors’ conference was held in August for Accra’s pastors. Area pastors listened to Pastor Ken

Jones and Dr. David Wells, pastor and professor from the U.S.

Early August, I began teaching a cooking class at the Rafiki Girls’ Center. I love cooking but I am thankful that Rafiki provides the daily lesson plans for me as well as all the teachers. The Rafiki Girls’ Center has twenty four girls. More girls will begin when our new semester starts in early October.

Thanking God for:

1. Strength and wisdom while moving into my Rafiki Village duplex: my garden was planted June 1st with corn, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, zucchini, and herbs—parsley, basil, and chives.
2. Safe uneventful flights to St. Louis and back to Ghana!! My luggage was lost twice but found twice!
3. Guidance for the wedding: details were many but completed in time.
4. Opportunity to share my first year at Rafiki Village Ghana with six church groups and four home gatherings. Thank you hosts and hostesses!!!
5. Provision of automobiles to use for four weeks: three families loaned their automatic shift cars. A treat!
6. Friends listening to and treating me to breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Yes, I gained a few pounds.
7. Restoring my computer twice: once in St. Louis (my USB port shorted out) and once my first week back when the screen went dark while smoke came from the computer’s left side !!!

Asking God for:

1. Volunteers, short and long term to staff our Rafiki Village.
2. Our medical clinic to open in November. Government paperwork is holding up date setting.
3. Qualified moms and children to fill our three empty cottages.
4. Strength, health, and wisdom as I add "teaching the cooking class at the Girls' Center" to my schedule.
5. Broadband internet access in my duplex via satellite dish. (It will be more reliable than my phone access.) My e-mail address will change but I will notify you when it does.

Resting in His Love,



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