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"God said, 'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth'" (Genesis 3:13 NIV).

Dear Friends and Family,

God gave us a full rainbow recently at seven a.m. after a long rain. What a great sign of God's continuing covenant to be with us "rain or shine!"

Our Rafiki Village Ghana is celebrating its sixth birthday this August. Our children get their first birthday cake when they are six years old so our Village will do the same and get its first cake at the tender age of six. We will take time to remember our history here, thanking God for "rain and shine." Dennis Madison, our Village director, and his wife, Dr. Joy Madison, are also celebrating their six years at our Rafiki Village Ghana.

To God be the glory for our new dining hall and cafeteria-style lunches we have begun serving to our school children and teachers. Our three cooks have mastered the techniques of serving individual plates of food.



MY FAVORITE: CABBAGE STEW AND RICE

We are celebrating our sixth year with our sixth Rafiki Mother—she is an answer to prayer! Mother Paulina's start date had to be delayed, however, because of the death of her twenty-four-year-old daughter-in-law. May God comfort her and her son as they grieve.

We are celebrating our sixth year by adding new ROS. Karen Harkness from Washington state arrived in May and is our new preschool teacher. She is shepherding her morning class of nine four-year-olds, and an afternoon class of eight three-year-olds. Her prayer is for more strength and energy than the children.



KAREN HARKNESS AND GRACE AT PRESCHOOL

Our newest ROS, Dottie and Ed Weniger from Nebraska, arrived the end of July and will begin work soon. Dottie will be our ChildCare director, replacing Barbra Anderson who is enjoying her sabbatical year in the States.



NEW ROS DOTTIE AND ED WENIGER OF NEBRASKA

May God bless Barbra for her six years of service at our Rafiki Village Ghana.

Our summer MiniMissionaries hosted and orchestrated GAMES (Games, Arts, Music, Excursions, Sports) for our children during three weeks of summer vacation. The children were excited to memorize and sing a newly written hymn, play soccer and Frisbee, write letters, and make bookmarks. Our littlest ones loved coloring and listening to stories. I have loved all our

MiniMissionaries but my favorite was my daughter, Melinda, who assisted me for two weeks while co-workers were on furlough.



MINI MISSIONARY MELINDA AT AKOSOMBO DAM

Construction has been completed on our Satellite Village about eighty miles from here. About two hundred people attended the dedication, hosted by the Ghana Methodist Church, Rosemary Jensen, president of the Rafiki Foundation, and Home Office staff.



RAFIKI PRESIDENT ROSEMARY JENSEN WITH CHURCH OFFICIALS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES



RAIN FAILED TO DETER MORE THAN 200 FROM ATTENDING DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Our Rafiki Village is hosting the Satellite Village administrative staff for a week of training, and I have the temporary privilege of training them. As I continue in my present job as assistant ChildCare director, I am substituting as ChildCare director until Dottie is ready to assume her new role. *Please pray God will give me great wisdom and strength during this transition time.*

Prayer Request

- Northern Ghana needs rain. Ghana is suffering power outages every other day because of low water levels in Lake Volta at the Akosombo Dam.

As I celebrate three years in Ghana and begin my fourth year of "rain or shine" at the equator, I sincerely thank you for your encouragement, your support, your e-mails, and your phone calls. May God be with you "rain or shine."

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