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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 NIV).

"Merry Christmas!" Dear Family and Friends,

Do you have a bit of quiet time to sit, reminisce, and sip a cup of coffee with me? I thank you for your prayers this past year. Here are just some of God's answers.

January My sprained ankle healed completely while I subbed for Barb, my boss, on furlough. Our youngest cook started shopping for our fruits and vegetables. (Now she is proficient in bargaining for good prices.)

February Ghana remained peaceful and stable though gasoline prices rose overnight from \$2.22 to \$3.33 a gallon.

March Our Rafiki freezer was repaired! The kitchen was painted a wonderful white.

April My car brakes failed on the way to work. I arrived safely. Moses was hired and started work five days after our laundry man quit.

May The move to my new duplex at the Rafiki Village was smooth. I walk to work in two minutes as I listen to children sing hymns at our school across the road.

June Baby Moses arrived at the Rafiki Children's Center, born on Mother's Day. A satellite dish for internet and email access was installed here. My first furlough was filled with family, friends, fellowship, and food. All are my favorites. I had a fantastic time from beginning to end.

July Erik and Melinda's wedding was a wonderful celebration. They planned well. All my family traveled safely. My furlough flights were uneventful; although my luggage was delayed both ways.

August I began teaching cooking and nutrition at the Rafiki Girls' Center. God has supplied wisdom as I observe and learn on-the-job teaching skills.

September MiniMissionaries came in September, October, and November to play with the preschool children, teach in the girls' center, and assist with ground and building maintenance.

October Our commercial-size washing machine was back in action after a six-month wait for parts and repair. I began teaching English semester two

at the Rafiki Girls' Center. God's humor: I never wanted to be a teacher; BUT, I am "enjoying" learning and teaching the girls.

November I survived getting stuck on the Kotoku road in mud and water. Now I know how to operate my four-wheel drive Mitsubishi.

December Gifty, our new Rafiki Mother started training. Our microwave has been repaired. Writing and giving chapel talks each Wednesday has humbled and taught me a lot about God and myself. I'm thankful for a year of good health, free of malaria, and mosquito bites.

A second Christmas away from YOU ALL is difficult. It is good for me to read Old Testament promises and see them fulfilled in Jesus, our Savior and Lord. I am awake, alert, and waiting as I write this at 3 A.M., watching for our Savior to return.

Thank you for your sacrificial support of me and of this work for the last year and a half. You have been so generous. I am grateful to have this opportunity and you have made that possible. I am recommitting to work another two years here with Rafiki at the children's center. Are you able to recommit with me? I ask for your continued financial and prayer support. I am enclosing a recommitment form for 2006-2008. Remember your donations are tax deductible.

May our Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God provide, protect, strengthen, and bless you mightily in 2006.

Resting in His fulfilled promises,

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