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Dear Family and Friends,

The Rafiki Overseas Staff here in Ghana is studying Psalms for our weekly Bible study and prayer time together. Last week we studied the third Psalm, and I was so encouraged by several things. The main thought that encouraged me was David's confidence in his Lord. He said the Lord was a shield around him, a lifter of his head and an answerer to his cries. I am not sure I always remember that and to be reminded of that by God's Word through David lifted my head a little higher. David says in verse five, **"I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me."**

This part of the Psalm also ministered to me. You see, I have been having a bit of trouble sleeping over the last several months. I worry. I worry about the girls that are under my care. I wonder if I am mentoring them well, or leading them well as the center director. David's words in this particular Psalm showed that he trusted God with all his worries and distresses. Even when he was in physical danger he was able to lie down and go to sleep and wake up feeling sustained and rested. He was able to do this because he trusted his Lord.

So I have been able to trust God more to take care of the girls instead of shouldering the burden myself. Not only would I continue to lose sleep at nights, but I could never do the job as well as the Lord. He is the only one capable of ministering to these girls all at the same time, and I am grateful that I am one of His servants to be a part of so many lives. I am also grateful for Joy and Dennis Madison, Cherry Bader, Nancy Bond, Tom Stanberry and so many volunteers from the U.S. that have come to help and be instruments of God in the girls' lives at the center. I am also thankful for Anne and Paul Kelly who helped teach many classes while I was on furlough in January. I am grateful for how God has provided for the needs of the girls' center.

The eighteen girls at the Rafiki Girls' Center Ghana are growing in their faith every day. I was touched when I asked them to share something that God did for them or taught them over the last six months. This is what some of them said. Many of them had three things they shared.

Doris – *"Father I thank you for giving me strength to come to school."*



Esther – *"I thank God that He has taken the evil things I planned to do away from my heart, and that He has helped me to still be in Rafiki."*

Favor – *"I thank God for what He does for me in my house because if it is not God, I cannot be in this school."*

Rose Mary – *"I am thankful that when I am going into sin, He draws me back."*

Matilda – *"I am thankful to God for helping me through the time of difficulty when I was having problems in the house. I thank Him for giving me a heart to forget about the pain it has caused me".*



Rejoice – *"I thank God for ending this semester successfully even though things have gone bad with me. He rescued me from all, and He will do it again."*

Theresa – *"I am thankful for the troubles that I went through last week. It made me concentrate on everything that I do."*

Hawa – *"I am thankful that He has given me the opportunity to learn many things in six months, such as cooking, music, and English."*



Veronica – *"I am thankful to God that the government has relaxed my father's welfare money to us. I also thank God for the wonderful teachers I have in my new school, Rafiki."*

Lydia – *"I thank God that He did not take my life when I was sick, even though I know it belongs to Him."*



FLORENCE AND JOSEPHINE

Don't you just love the ways the girls express their thoughts and feelings in the words they have written? One last picture I have is of Florence and Josephine. Please pray for Florence who is the one on the left. She has been in the hospital for three months now for a buruli ulcer on her left arm. She will probably need skin grafting as much of the skin has been damaged and will not be able to grow back. Please pray she can come back to Rafiki soon and will not lose any function in that arm.

I am very grateful to have such a great support and prayer team being so faithful to God and me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It was great to see so many of you in January. I am already yearning to see you again, but I will have to wait for that.

I hope you all know that you are sacrificing your time and finances to help many helpless children and teenagers. I wish you could all come and see how God is using what you give in both prayer and financial support for His Kingdom.

I love you and am grateful for you,

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