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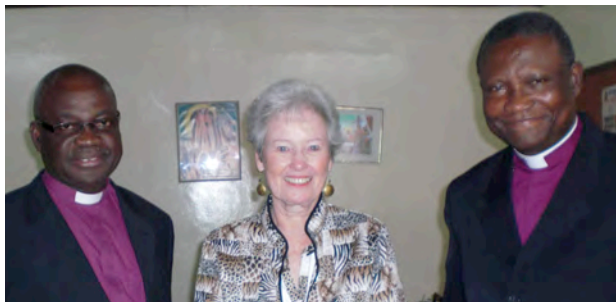
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Dear family and friends,

Greetings from Ghana once again! It has been a delightfully busy time since I returned from furlough in July. Time has flown by! We thank God for His provisions of MiniMissionaries, supplies, new programs, and new children.

When I returned to the Rafiki Village on July 8, I had to immediately get ready for the visit of Rosemary Jensen, the president of Rafiki Foundation and some of our Home Office staff in Florida. I was to set up several visits with the country of Ghana's dignitaries. Rafiki values greatly our relationships with the leaders of the countries we serve and live in and by meeting with them, we can strengthen our relationship with them, and they can help us get a pulse of changing life in Ghana so that Rafiki can continue to serve them well. One of our very strong relationships is our relationship with the Methodist Church Ghana. Below is a picture of Most Reverend Presiding Bishop Robert Aboagye Mensah (left) and the new Presiding Bishop of Methodist Church Ghana Emmanuel Asante (right). We had a wonderful meeting with them. They ushered us to Kumasi in a small jet plane so that discussions and an M.O.U. could be written which would kick off the Exchange Program in Ghana. The program will assist NGOs (non-governmental organizations) associated with the Methodist Church in Ghana, to help market their artisans handiwork.



In August we had several MiniMissionaries give us much needed help while some ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) were in the U.S. on furlough. This was a special treat for me because two of them are friends from California. Darla Bracy, with whom I served in BSF in the U.S., was here for two weeks and was a great help to our preschoolers and tutored some our primary students in subjects in which they had fallen behind. Callie Sands from my home church in Walnut Creek was also here. She was able to assist with a Rafiki Bible Study Seminar to local headmasters of Ghanaian schools for three days. She said she also learned a great deal more about God's Word and Rafiki's work as she was able to sit in on several seminars. Kelly Fore

was also one of our MiniMissionaries in August. Though I didn't know her before she came, I am excited to tell you that God used her trip here to desire to continue with Rafiki as an ROS. She is now currently raising support to serve full-time! All three ladies pictured below. Darla, front, far left, Callie beside Darla, and Kelly is next to Callie. You should know the rest of us in that picture. You can find me fighting hard to be seen.

After bringing six new children to our Village before



July, we then had July and August to regroup. This gave us more time to establish new contacts with various people and groups in Ghana that would help us to identify children that needed Rafiki's care and protection. In September, we welcomed two little boys: one of them was Emmanuel. We have known about Emmanuel for almost three years through a doctor friend at the local hospital. We have been praying for him all this time because he was the youngest brother of our own Selom, Martey, and Francy Hammond. Dr. Lorna was helping us to help Emmanuel, but there was some red tape regarding his case. But on September 26, 2009, the four siblings were reunited at Rafiki.



SELOM, MARTEY BACK ROW
FRANCY, EMMANUEL FRONT ROW

In September, another friend who is dear to me came as a MiniMissionary to serve here at the Rafiki Village Ghana. Kappy has been my friend for over twenty years. I stayed with her when I went back to the U.S.

this past summer. Kappy has a heart to serve and brought dozens of new songs for the girls to learn. At the end of her time here, we had a singing program to demonstrate the songs taught and learned.



KAPPY AND SOME OF THE OLDER GIRLS
AFTER THEIR SINGING PROGRAM.

Those of you that have come to visit us know that we live in a farming community. We have a huge piece of land that is not being used right now, so we thought this would be a good time to teach the children about agriculture and farming. With the mothers and children in charge, we plowed more than five acres of the property and planted corn. Everyone is excited to be able to supply some of our own food.



October has been absolutely amazing. Wow God! Thank you for October! Not that October is better than other months, but something has happened that hasn't happened before. We processed, by God's grace, ten children at one time to come and stay at the Rafiki Village. What a sight that was to see—the van of ten new children driving up our road as the sides were lined with sixty-nine children, ROS, and national staff singing "Showers of Blessings." We are not quite overflowing at Rafiki, but we are getting close! I was in charge of crowd control, because I didn't want the new children to be scared. When the bus finally came to a stop, the ten Rafiki Mothers rushed to the children, each one taking one child, and lifting them high above their heads. It was the most touching thing I have seen in some time. When I saw that, I no longer cared about the crowd control and was so proud of our mothers and the way they took control of the moment with their great joy and excitement for what God has done to bring these ten new dear children to Rafiki. I so enjoyed the whole scene and it will always be recorded in my heart as one of the most memorable times in Ghana. The picture above is the same day the children came. It was taken with all the mothers, the

assistant mothers, and ChildCare director Nancy Bond.



Currently we are processing twelve new children that need care and protection. We hope God will allow all processing to go well for them to join us in the next month.

And if that is not enough news for you, there is more!!! God graced us with seventy-five applicants on 27 October for our 2010 school year. We are in the process of deciding which ones should fill our school openings. We can potentially take in sixty students. This picture represents a portion of the people that came to register to be considered for the schools. In my screening of the applicants that day, I asked one boy why he wanted to come to the Rafiki school? He said, "They say the Rafiki school is sweet." The word "sweet" is used here typically to describe really yummy food even if it doesn't have sugar in it. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction.



I hope this has encouraged you as you read and look at the faces of those you are praying for and financially supporting. On behalf of everyone at the Rafiki Village Ghana, I thank you for caring for us and loving us. It wouldn't be nearly as much fun to be here and be a part of the work of God, if I didn't have you to report it to. You all have been such great partners in this work. I love you!

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