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“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV).

Dear Family and Friends,

“Who would have thunk it?” This is what one of our friends said when we shared with her the wonderful news that the Coiners, in the persons of Marsha and Stuart, will be heading back to Africa. Three months ago when Stuart checked out of the hospital, thirty-five pounds lighter and facing chemotherapy and radiation treatments, the doctors were telling us to never consider going back to Africa. Our common reply was “You don’t know our God.”

We are really happy as the oncologist has signed off on our return to Africa, most likely Uganda. After talking with our oncologist, Stuart has been told that he is stable with no new tumors. There is no way that he will be declared cancer-free but the situation is so greatly improved that the doctor is amazed. Stuart will still have to finish the equivalent of six months of treatment so we are estimating that we will leave in January 2007.

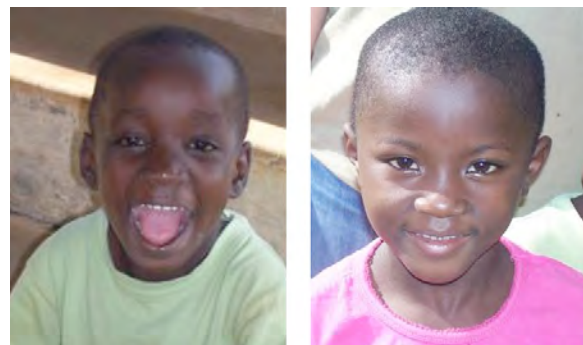
What has been happening with the Coiner family in the three months since we wrote our last newsletter? Lisa finished her first year at Covenant College and returned to stay with Stuart during the month of May. Melanie and Marsha flew to Uganda on May 5th so that Melanie could graduate from Heritage International School (a year early) and Marsha could close up the house in Uganda. This was a difficult time for the family as we were separated for a month. The house in Uganda has been closed up and is being readied for the new family, the Andersons who will be arriving in August. Tyler Anderson is a physician’s assistant who will help provide much needed medical care for the Rafiki Village. The arrival of Kim and Tyler Anderson and their four children has been greatly anticipated in Uganda and is an answer to much fervent prayer. After being reunited in June, Stuart and Marsha have continued working at the Rafiki Home Office in between chemotherapy treatments.

Please pray for Stuart’s remaining six chemotherapy treatments, that his blood

platelet count will be high enough to undergo the treatments. Pray also for the details that will need to be worked out concerning medicine procurement and testing arrangements as Stuart and Marsha prepare to return to Africa.



MELANIE WITH SOME OLD FRIENDS



DERRICK AND SANDRA—THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF JERUSALEM COTTAGE

The Rafiki Children’s Center in Uganda now has fifty-six children with at least forty-five children attending school in the next term. It has been exciting as we have been able to add biological brothers and sisters of children who have already become a part of the Rafiki family. God is in the business of not only putting families together in the Village but also of putting

families back together. Marsha was in Uganda when the first of these found brothers and sisters arrived. Her name is Diana and she is a half-sister to Scovia who has been with her Rafiki Family for five months. What a joy it is to see God at work in families. Marsha and Melanie enjoyed meeting the new children and renewing bonds with many of the "old-timers." We are excited about the possibility of being back with those people that we have come to know and to love.

Please pray for the social workers and probation officers to identify and screen the children that God has selected for the Rafiki Village Uganda in a timely manner. Pray also for the identification and training of additional Rafiki Mothers and assistants for future cottages.

At the present time, cottage number nine is having the finishing touches added to it. The next buildings planned for Uganda will be renovation of the girls' center into a junior secondary school and a primary school building. Our prayer is that Stuart will be able to begin this construction when we return in January of 2007. ***Please pray for the necessary funds to begin this construction work.***

What is ahead for the Coiners? Melanie will be joining Lisa at Covenant College in August of this year. She will turn seventeen the day before her freshman orientation begins. Both girls will be majoring in a pre-med program. We will continue working at the Home Office and hopefully complete the remaining six treatments in a timely manner. We will also be making preparations to return to the work where God has called us and that we love so much.



MELANIE AND MARSHA AT MEL'S GRADUATION.

We want to take the time now to thank all of you, our family and friends, who have supported us so faithfully with your prayers, calls, cards, and gifts. We have been truly blessed! Prayer has been powerful. We may not understand the full impact of your prayers on our lives until we are with the Lord. Throughout this time of illness, God has continued to give us a great passion for the work He has called us to do in Africa. Now, we are beginning to see the answer to those prayers and know that God is giving us the desires of our heart. His love is truly steadfast and we can only praise Him for each and every one of you.

Please pray for us that we will continue to have opportunities to share God's greatness and love to those we meet in the chemotherapy rooms, doctors' offices, and churches. Pray also that God will receive all the glory for this wondrous thing that He is doing in our lives.

Rejoicing in Him always,

Stu, Marsha, Lisa, Melanie

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P.S. From the Home Office—the Coiners are at 98% of funds needed for their third term.

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