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"In [Christ] the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit"
(Ephesians 2:21-22).

Greetings from Kampala, Uganda!
Dear friends of Rafiki,

What an exciting time it is here in Uganda for Rafiki. We are realizing the vision of Rafiki for the children of Africa to become godly contributors to this nation. As we build on the vision of God to help orphans, we are being built up ourselves in Christ to show His love to so many at the Rafiki Village and beyond.

Establishing a Foundation for Mbali Satellite Village

While most of us are working daily at the Rafiki Village, one of our team members is spending much of his time travelling to the city of Mbali, Uganda. Mike Enis, our village administrator and country representative, is responsible for coordinating the work with church members in Uganda to establish this Satellite Village. The Mbali village will be modelled after the Rafiki Village but will be run by Ugandans for Ugandans. In the Bible, Solomon wrote that *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"* (Ecclesiastes 4:9,10). Thank God for providing a foundation that has embraced the call to provide the seed funds for Satellite Villages.

Building a Training Cottage at the Rafiki Uganda Training Village

While Mike coordinates with Ugandans to begin the Mbali village, construction workers are busy here at the Rafiki village preparing a cottage for those who will be trained. Rafiki's plan, at this time, is to have key Satellite Village personnel come to the Rafiki Villages for one week at a time to be trained in their area of job responsibility. The cottage is number seven at Rafiki, with the first six reserved for our own children and mamas.

Building Relationships with Ugandan Organizations

We have twenty-four healthy, beautiful children now at our Rafiki Village between the ages of eighteen months and six years. Just recently, during the school break, we held our GAMES

program, which is like a short camp each day. The highlight of GAMES before Easter was the cooking activity each day. Here the children are making cheese toast in the dining hall in families with the Rafiki ROS (missionary staff) helping. After cooking, the children participated in different activities, including "pretend cooking."



YOWERI IS SPRINKLING GRATED CHEESE ON THE BREAD WITH MAMA MARGRET ENCOURAGING HIM.



YUM—A PRETEND PANCAKE MADE BY WILSON!

We build up our Rafiki Village by adding children, orphaned or abandoned, from babies' homes, social services, or hospitals. Currently we have seventeen boys and seven girls, because it is somehow easier for the services to place boys than girls. In Uganda, it has been a challenge for us to find a process for receiving children quickly. However, God has recently

opened the door to receive children directly from the largest hospital in Uganda. Please pray that God will direct us as we proceed with this new opportunity and use it to bring more girls to our Rafiki Village.



COTTAGE 3 GAMES TIME

Building Up the Preschool and Primary School

What a good year we are having at our Preschool! The children have learned so much since school began in August. God has grown our missionary teaching staff by one, so now we can have a separate class for our youngest students (three years old). As we begin our third and final term of school for this school year, pray that the children in the new class will thrive and that all the children will continue to progress well in school. I am happy to report that our kindergarten students (pictured below) have begun to read phonetically, add, subtract, and are learning to tell time. We are preparing them for their transition to Primary One (Grade One) beginning in August. Please pray that our Ugandan teacher candidate will complete all his requirements to begin training with us this month. Pray also for our second candidate to pass her certificate exams in April and join us for training in May. God is faithful to provide the teachers we need to build up our school as we prepare to receive more young children in August.



RCC UGANDA KINDERGARTEN CLASS



RGC STUDENTS WITH MINIMISSIONARY ASHLEY BRILL

Building Up the Rafiki Girls' Center

Work at the girls' center has progressed well for the twenty girls who attend. Starting this month, ten new girls will join them to make thirty girls. This is a milestone for our girls center, because it means that classes will be held in the mornings and afternoons, rather than only in the mornings. While some girls are in class, others will be working on practical skills such as weaving. If you are interested in purchasing some of the lovely bags or other woven items, visit the Rafiki Exchange web site at www.rafiki-foundation.org. You may also contact The Rafiki Foundation at this address if you would like to volunteer with us for a few weeks as a MiniMissionary; we need help all the time! Please pray for Shirlene, our RGC director, and our teachers, for stamina and wisdom as the girls' center grows to help more young women prepare for a future of hope and opportunity.

Preparing for Furlough

I will be in the United States for the month of July on furlough. If you are interested in hearing about our work, please contact me directly here in Uganda. Due to my short time for presentations (2 ½ weeks), I will need to make appointments and arrangements quite early. So please let me know as soon as possible of your interest by e-mailing me at the address below. God bless you for your support and encouragement!

Love,



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