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*“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
This is what the ancients were commended for” (Hebrews 11:1, 2 NIV).*

Greetings from Joanne Colvin in Uganda,

Life at Rafiki in Uganda continues like a heart beat in a healthy child. No skips, no pause—the regular, consistent routine of peace and security in the lives of young children and teenage girls. When I returned to the Rafiki Village after being away on furlough for six weeks, I realized afresh the faithfulness and immutability of our loving Father. Our staff had worked hard, depending on God, to not only maintain the regular “business” of our Village, while bringing three new children during my absence. Since then, three more children have come to live at Rafiki Uganda: Victor, Joseph, and Stone (Livingstone), pictured below in this order.



STONE



VICTOR



JOSEPH

The fifty-nine children who call Rafiki Village home delight us with their beautiful smiles and happy squeals. Forty-eight of the children attend school in one of our classes ranging from the three-year-old class to first grade. Why don't you test your knowledge of Ugandan nomenclature in this little quiz:

Match the class with its Ugandan title:

- A. Three- and Four-year-olds
- B. Kindergarten
- C. First Grade

Ugandan titles for classes:

1. Top Class
2. Primary One
3. Nursery class

If you said A=3, B=1, and C=2, you are right! Top class is the top level of “nursery school,” and primary school begins with P-1 (primary one, or first grade). Actually, P-1 through P-3 are referred to frequently as “Infant classes.” Imagine my confusion when speaking with MOE personnel about the different levels in Ugandan schools. By the way, MOE is the Ministry of Education. *Please pray that we will have our permanent registration for our primary school by the deadline in September from the MOE.*

Here's another little test for you about recent refinements in the Rafiki Villages, based on recent decisions by the board of directors. What is the new name for the Rafiki Children's Center? Is it the Education Program or the ChildCare Program. Bzzz...right. The RCC is now the ChildCare Program. What is the change in the Rafiki Girls' Center? Will it become a Community Center or part of the Education Program? Bzzz...right again. The girl's center is going to come under a comprehensive Education Program for all of our children, ages three years to high school. What a gift to the orphans of Uganda. Rafiki is going to offer a FREE, classical-based, Christian education through senior high! God is so good. *Please pray for the girls' center staff as they prepare to help the girls to transition to a more academic program starting in January 2007.* We thank God for the wisdom, faith, and vision of our board of directors.

There is more good news about Rafiki Uganda. After three years of praying and waiting, God has provided a missionary doctor for our Village. Tyler Anderson is arriving on August 11th with his wife Kim, and their four children: Claire, Maggie, Keidi, and Josiah. I look forward to reporting about the Medical Program in my next newsletter. *In the meantime, please pray for a warm welcome and smooth adjustment for the entire Anderson family. Pray especially that the children will immediately call Uganda home and fall in love with the ROS "family" and all the children here.*

Good news is still pouring in from San Antonio. Marsha and Stu Coiner expect to be back in Uganda with us by January 2007. Stu's doctor has approved his return to Africa and prescribed oral chemotherapy after he has finished his traditional treatments in Texas. Right now, though, Stu and Marsha are about to become "empty nesters." Lisa Coiner, is returning to Covenant College and her sister, Melanie, will begin school there in August. *Pray for Lisa and Melanie to be comfortable at school and to make new friends with similar values and life-experiences.*

Lastly, I thank God for a restful and personally satisfying furlough. I enjoyed visiting with so many of you, my dear friends and supporters. I continue to trust God to provide the needed funds for my next term (2007-2008). Thanks to all of you who have partnered in ministry with me through your prayers and your financial generosity over the last six years. If you would like to contribute to my support, sponsor an orphan, or build a school, contact the Rafiki Foundation at this website (www.rafiki-foundation.org) or call 210-244-2600. This is also the website where you can get information about coming to Uganda on a MiniMission to help us for two weeks, two months, or even two years. We thank God for bringing us so many qualified teachers over the last few months and pray that He will continue to provide the teachers we need, at every level.

"It is good to praise the LORD, and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands" (Psalm 92:1-4 NIV).



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P.S. From the Home Office: Joanne is currently at 30% of the total needed for her fourth term beginning 1 January 2007.