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*“Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre” (Psalm 81:1, 2).*

Greetings from Uganda!

Praise God with me for the wonderful things that are happening here at the Rafiki Village Uganda. As we enter into the last quarter of the year, we can see God’s handprint on every aspect of life at our Rafiki Village. So begin the music!

## More Hands to Hold

I am thrilled to tell you that our Village is now home to thirty-eight of the most lovable children in Uganda. Six children came to live with us just last week. They are adjusting quickly and smiling big for the camera. Here are a few of our precious new ones. The first two photos are brother and sister. Can you tell?



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As headmistress of our school, I am looking forward to having even more children join us when they are ready. We are expecting to more than triple our class size for the three-year-olds in January. Can you guess how many students we will have? Would you believe ten? That’s what happens when you start with three students, as we have now. Isn’t God gracious, though, to give

these three little one a tiny class of their own for the first few months? Moreover, isn’t He gracious to give me, their teacher, the pleasure of teaching them with lots of individual attention? *Please pray that the new children will learn a bit of English before they begin school.*

## More Hands to Help

God always provides just the right resources when we need them. God knows that we need more teachers at our school as our school grows. Back in May, He brought to us a delightful young lady who had just finished taking her exams for a primary-teaching certificate. Now she has her exam results and is ready to begin training at our school, as an assistant with me in the three-year-old class, to learn our teaching methods and curriculum. God has also made a house available for her in Ssala, the village just across from the Rafiki gate. Her house has power (electricity), which is a real bonus. She will be one of three national teachers at our pre-primary/primary school. I am delighted. *Pray that she will be able to quickly learn our methods for teaching and enjoy working at the Rafiki School.*

## More Hands to Shake

People are shaking my hand a lot these days. They are congratulating us on our newest achievement for the school. The primary school is now operating as a Licensed Private Uganda Primary School. Gathering the paperwork for this process took about eighteen months. Thanks to the good advice of our local licensing officer, we have a licensed school only eight weeks after opening the first level of primary school. *Pray that I will be able to gather the approvals and paperwork for the permanent registration of the school within the next year, and begin to gather what is needed to license our pre-primary school.*

## More Hugs and Hands to Hold

On Monday, October 3rd, fifteen visitors came to stay at our village. We knew they were coming. We knew it would be a wild time while they were here. We knew many of those coming, and knew that the others would be just as lovely as the friends we already knew. We also knew that

when they left a little piece of our hearts would go with them, and a little piece of their hearts would stay here. That's exactly what happened when the Rafiki Home Office staff plus friends came to visit with us. So many wonderful hugs and words of encouragement for our work! There were many smiles and tears of joy over the children and the girls who are benefiting from this ministry. It was especially joyful to share with them, and now with you, that two of our children have expressed in words and actions that they have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. One of the girls at the girls' center prayed for salvation in Christ. A five-year-old, a six-year-old, and a fifteen-year-old have joined the family of God, so begin the music! *Praise God for His grace and pray for all of our children and girls to know Jesus Christ personally.*

### **Many Hands Weaving at the Girls' Center**

Ten "new" girls joined our girls' center on Monday, October 3rd, bringing our total now to thirty-eight. How wonderful for our visitors to enjoy the first two days of life at the girls' center with them. Each new girl has a "big sister" who shows her where to find things, where to put things, and how to do the things at the RGC. The "older" girls were so amazed to watch their purses, pillow covers, and woven table cloths disappear in front of their eyes when visitors snatched them up. However, many beautiful products were also sent back to the Rafiki Exchange and will be available for sale just about the time you receive this newsletter. Log on to [www.rafiki-foundation.org](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org) to browse and purchase Ugandan crafts made by "our" girls. *Pray that all the girls will grow spiritually with our Lord Jesus Christ as they develop practical life skills.*

Therefore, start the music and praise the Lord for His goodness to the children of Africa!

***"I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth"*** (Psalm 57:9-11).



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