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Greetings from Orange City, Florida!

Not quite as hot here as Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, (yet!) but very different sights and sounds. Actually, Dianne is looking with new eyes—both cataracts replaced with intraocular lenses, since coming to Florida. Thank God for your many prayers and the good results.



MARCH 24: LAST EVENING WITH SOME OF THE RGC GIRLS.

Leaving the continent of Africa on March 25th, we came to North America with a ten-day stop in India. On April 6th, our feet crossed the threshold of our "new home" for one year near Orlando. Why Florida? Our permanent address is in Florida where our daughter minds our affairs while we are working for Rafiki Foundation, and we sold our Ohio home in late 1995.

Whew! With more than two months into our Rafiki one-year home assignment, we've been busy getting physically and emotionally settled, while attempting to keep up with Rafiki goals. Daily, our imported home furnishings remind us of the work remaining in Africa. "Love tanks" filled with

grandchildren hugs and kisses, boxes unpacked or stored away, and a place of worship with excellent biblical teaching found, we can now prepare to see family and Rafiki supporters!

Rafiki is in the process of setting up Training Villages as models in ten African countries. These Training Villages include childcare for 180 children, schools for the children from age 3-18, separate three-year vocational day schools for vulnerable teenage boys and girls, and evening community activities with special courses in health and hygiene for teenagers.

In February we visited the Rafiki Village in Nairobi, Kenya, and recent developments, including Satellite Villages, are even more exciting! Just as Dianne is tremendously excited about "seeing with new eyes," we want everyone to see by way of a Rafiki video and/or slides about how God is visibly working in Africa. Please e-mail, call, or write us if you and perhaps some of your friends would be interested in a personal contact.



TANZANIA RGC STAFF, MARCH 2004:
LEE, DIANNE, DEB, AND MAUREEN

Most of June (June 8 – 28), we will be in the Northwest to visit extended family, as well as friends of earlier years before we moved to Ohio in 1975. Also, we will be near Saint Regis, Montana, June 25 – 27. Marie Trout, our contact person (503-625-6465 – Portland), has our specific itinerary for these dates. You may contact her if you desire to be on our schedule in June.

June 29 – August 9 we plan to be in Orange City, Florida, to complete medical check-ups and to enjoy our two grandsons from France the first week of August.

A family reunion celebrating the 85th birthday of Lee's mother will be in the Los Angeles area mid-August. From California we will go back to the Pacific Northwest one week before going to Minneapolis and North Dakota (August 10 – September 11). After returning from Minneapolis, we will be preparing for our daughter's delivery, expected in early October. Having lived in Marion, Ohio, twenty-three years before going to Bangalore, India (1998), we are eager to return to see more of our Ohio friends! We are not certain when to come, but do contact us now anyway, please.

Now you have our itinerary thus far, so we will eagerly look forward to your contact. Our home is open to a visit from you who might be traveling to the Orlando area before April 2005. Please call and let us know when you are coming—you are welcome! Each day we are reminded of God's goodness to us through you who are giving of yourselves to write, pray, and support us financially.

Your partners in Rafiki to Africa,

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