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*“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1).*

Dear Family and Friends,

We had hoped this newsletter would be full of new faces for you to see and cottages filled with laughter and joy. However, our cozy little cottages are still empty, anticipating the arrival of their new families.



INSIDE OF COTTAGE

The Village is ready for our first little ones to arrive. Buildings are completed, furniture installed, curtains hung, and clothing ready to be worn. The kitchen is ready to produce meals and the laundry prepared to keep clothes clean.



DINING HALL

Cooks, cleaners, and caretakers are identified and either working already or waiting to be trained.



KITCHEN

Four new mothers and one substitute are trained and anxiously awaiting their new families.



RAFIKI MOTHERS

Now we wait for the government of Zambia to provide the final piece of paper we need in order to open our doors. We covet your prayers that God would move their hearts to act soon. But while waiting, we are “sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” God’s plans cannot be stopped.

In the meantime, we have just had the privilege of traveling back to work for a week in our "home Village" in Mzuzu. We were greeted by thirty-eight joyous little ones who have all arrived since we left Malawi last year.



MALAWI CHILDREN

While Mike was busy getting the satellite system operational, Vicky was working in the preschool where she received a foretaste of things to come.



FUN WITH PHONICS

It was a great blessing to see what God is doing there and know we, too, will be blessed in the same way in Zambia very soon.

While we were there, the final graduation for the Rafiki Girls' Center took place. With the changes in the school curriculum, the remaining girls will be working toward their secondary school certificates.



MALAWI RGC GRADS

With our first phase of construction nearly completed in Zambia, we are now looking to the beginning of phase two which includes our medical clinic, a primary school, one more children's cottage, and another ROS residence. There is much to do and we are always grateful to hear when you are coming to lend a hand. We are looking forward to friends from New Jersey and Bermuda serving with us here this summer. There's always room for more. Is God calling you to join us?

Sometimes we can identify with Abraham who received the promise of being the father of many nations, but was still childless in his nineties. Iain Duguid wrote a book about Abraham and described faith as "living in the gap between promise and reality." Thanks for "living in the gap" with us. We thank God for your partnership in this work. Your encouragement, prayers, and support have been a tremendous blessing. Our entire team is longing for the day when the children arrive. Mama Florence recently called Nancy and asked, "When can I come home?" *Please continue to pray that she'll be home in the Village surrounded by children very soon.*

We love and appreciate you!

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