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“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:9-10).

Merry Christmas!

Half a world away from you, the intensely hot sun is baking the red earth and the sounds of digging, hammering, and the Nyanja language are drifting through our window. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, we moved into our new home. We are now officially Village people!



NEW HOUSE

What a blessing to finally be at the Village knowing that shortly we will be surrounded by God's chosen children.

Construction of the Village is moving along and after tens of thousands of concrete blocks, hundreds of loads of sand, gravel, and dirt, along with tons of concrete and mortar and miles of pipe and wire, Phase One of the Village is nearing completion! Let's give you a guided tour. Directly across from our home is the guest house which will be ready for your upcoming visit as MiniMissionaries!



GUEST HOUSE

Next door are our friends, David and Nancy, holding the housewarming gift they received from the neighboring village headman.



HOUSEWARMING GIFT

Next to them resides our new co-worker, Linda Petty, who has brought vast experience from her time at the Rafiki Village Nigeria.



THE ZAMBIA TEAM

Early next year, we will be joined by our new education director, Rose Allinder, who will be transferring from Kenya.



In the circle in front of the housing area, Mike and Dave have been busy putting up our new satellite dish. Very soon, we will have internet access out here in the bush!

Across the road from the residence area is the kitchen and dining hall which is shaping up beautifully and getting readied to provide hundreds of meals each day for our hungry children.



DINING HALL

Just a short distance on the other side of the dining hall are eight cozy cottages and two gazebos. Can't you almost hear the children playing? All of us are so anxious to usher them into their new homes. Very soon we will greet the mothers who will be coming for training.



COTTAGES

What a privilege it is to be a part of God's work during this season of hope, bringing hope to the hopeless. After visiting a home of a grandmother trying to raise the eleven children of her two deceased daughters, I'll never forget the look in her eyes when she sighed, "I don't know what I'm going to do." To watch her face transform before our eyes when she heard what God is doing through Rafiki is a treasured memory. Her husband just wanted to be sure we were going to "teach the children about Jesus." I wish you could go with us into the villages and see the homes of our potential children.



BEN WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER

Recently we met Ben, a two-year-old who lives with his grandparents in a village close to Rafiki. Both of his parents died of AIDS in the past six months and the grandparents cannot afford to

feed him. What joy lies ahead for little ones like Ben when they see the new home and family God has prepared for them.

As you can tell, we are very excited that the first phase of construction is coming to a close and we can begin raising young people to be godly contributors to their country.

Please join us in praying for the following:

- Pray that God will provide national mothers who are committed to loving and caring for the children.
- Please pray that God will quickly bring children to the Village. Pray that the children will come to know Christ in His fullness at an early age and be committed to a growing relationship with Him.
- Pray that the children will quickly adjust to their new home and come to love their Rafiki mother, brothers, and sisters. Also please pray for their health and safety.

Children like Ben will soon be arriving at our Village. Perhaps God has laid it on your heart to join us in caring for them by becoming a child sponsor. If you would like more information, you can find it on the Rafiki website (www.rafikifoundation.org/orphan_sponsors.html), send an e-mail to orphans@rafiki-foundation.org or call 210.244.2600.

May your Christmas be filled with God's joy and wrapped in His presence. We continually thank God for you and for how your prayers and support enable us to show Christ's love to those who don't often get to see it. You have truly shown them Emmanuel—God with us.

Love in Christ,



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