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“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

We hope that the icy grip of winter has finally left you and that you are seeing a few glimpses of spring! We have been blessed with a warm and wet rainy season and the Rafiki Village Zambia looks like a beautiful park, equipped with jubilant children playing on the park’s playground! Since January, our Village has transformed into a beehive of activity. We have preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade, and class one and two of JSS (Junior Secondary School), a grand total of seventy-seven students. Many of our new day-students from the surrounding villages arrive with a “deer in the headlights” look, but are now adjusting to our funny English, curriculum, and are soaking in the daily Bible lessons. We also have three new teachers to help cover all the classes.



JSS STUDENTS WITH NEW APRONS



JSS GIRLS AND NEW TEACHERS



The students are learning something new in vocational arts this year; how to make stuffed animals. We see a whole new side of our students as they rock, cuddle, and

name their “children.” The first class is still learning basic sewing skills like straight seams, patterns, and zippers. All of this sewing activity keeps Mike very



SEWING MACHINE REPAIR

Busy repairing sewing machines! We are currently studying 1 Chronicles and the students are very eager to get the Israelites back into Israel. This week we were talking about Israel’s calling to be God’s holy nation, His own possession, and how God had called them out of darkness into His marvelous

light. The next day, one of our new day-students, prayed, "Thank you, God, for Rafiki and giving us your wonderful light." As we go through the genealogy, we are remembering past stories and they all can eagerly share with you creation, the fall, the flood and the names of Noah's sons. They groan



JUDAH AND LEVI

over sin and smile broadly when someone is faithful. Their eyes shine when they stop and consider that they are God's treasured possession, too. What a special time this is for all of us.

Now that our primary school is completed and in use, cottage space has been freed up so we can bring in more children. Two new Rafiki Mothers just started their training on March 1 and over the next several weeks we will be doing renovation on existing cottages in preparation for our next Rafiki family.

Once the mothers' initial training is completed, the training cottage will be ready for our first Rafiki School Training. This program brings headmasters of Rafiki's partner denominations' schools here to be trained for a week in the Rafiki School Program which includes the RBS and Rafiki's Christian school curriculum. Then they take this information and material back to their schools and teach the teachers how to implement the materials in their classrooms. In this way, thousands of students can be learning the truths of the gospel and the doctrines of grace clearly and lovingly and receiving quality education with Rafiki's curriculum.

Other exciting news is that the new well is up and pumping. We are now waiting for the new pump which will allow us to draw water from 100 feet deeper and get the full use of the well. God is clearly answering prayers and removing all the obstacles so more children can be admitted to the Village.

This summer we will be visiting many of you as we return to the U.S. for enrichment and deputation. Our travel schedule is:

May 8-14 – Bermuda
May 15-16 – Indianapolis
May 17 – June 16 – Washington State
June 17-24 – Florida
June 25 – July 1 – New Jersey

If you would like us to visit your church or prayer group, please contact us at mikeandvicky@koch.net or call us on (509) 590-1418. We would like to be able to personally thank you for your partnership and share all the wonderful things God is doing here at Rafiki Village Zambia. In the meantime, have a blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

In Christ's Love,

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SCHOOL OPENING

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