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*“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families,
he leads forth the prisoners with singing;” (Psalms 68:5 - 6a).*

How quickly things change! Last year at this time, we had five children at the Rafiki Village Zambia. This year we have thirty-five with three more coming within the next week. Our Village has truly come alive.



EXAM TIME

Every one of these children comes from situations that we can't even imagine—no parents, impoverished, hungry, and hopeless. However, God in His infinite mercy has called them to come and be part of new families where they are loved, taught the truth of the gospel, educated, and given what precious few in their culture get to experience—hope for the future. This is a truly miraculous thing to see, and we thank all of you whom God has led to support these children.



RAFIKI MOTHER FLORENCE'S FAMILY

Construction at the Village is progressing with our primary school being the furthest along. We have seen great progress during the past week and are hopeful of the roof starting to go up within the next two weeks. We need this building before January when our school will be expanding and new grades opening.



PRAYING FOR SCHOOL

Each Friday morning, the children continue to meet and pray for the construction, the new children who will come, more teachers, and to give thanks to God for what He has done. Last Friday, the children prayed that more blocks would be delivered and as they were walking back to school, Jack noticed that a truck full of blocks arrived. Excitedly, he pointed and said, "Look, teacher. God heard our prayer!" *Please pray with them that our contractor is able to continue finding the necessary building materials and getting them to the site in a timely fashion.*

As our Village expands, our need for Rafiki Mothers continues to increase. We currently have six mothers and need to staff a substitute mother position so each of these six can have their own family of children.



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Please pray that God would lead us to just the right ladies to fulfill the current and future needs.

Also as our Village population expands, a local saying takes on greater significance to us, "Manzi ni moyo." In the Nyanja language this means "Water is life." While our water supply is sufficient for today, demand due to growth in the Village will soon exceed what's available. As many of you know, we have been searching for some time, but so far, the company we have hired has drilled three very deep and very dry holes. However, there is water down there someplace and we are praying that on their next attempt God will lead them to the exact spot they need to drill and we will be blessed with enough water to provide for our Village full of children. *Please continue to lift up this matter to God who is sovereign over all things.*

During the summer, we were blessed with many MiniMissionaries who came to serve God. We are very thankful for all of them who painted, taught, read stories, worked in the kitchen, and did many other things.



ENJOYING THE NEW PLAYGROUND

One of the children's favorite "mini" projects is the new playground where they spend many happy hours each day. It has been great help to the children in overcoming fears.



SCARY SLIDE

As we write this, we have been in Africa for over six years and our third term is nearly completed. We are deeply grateful to all of you for encouraging, praying for, and financially supporting us on the field. We thank God that we were able to see many of you this summer and personally share what God is doing. As we continue serving in Zambia, we cherish your partnership as we labor together making disciples. To God be the glory.

In Christ's Love,

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