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*“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11).*

During these difficult times all over the world, Christ reminds us of His love and as we abide in Him, we will have abundant JOY! Our family experienced this JOY as we were on furlough and as we continue our work here in Kenya. Because of the financial crisis that we are facing, we especially appreciate your love through your giving, enabling us to fulfill the goal in nurturing all the children that God has placed in the care of Rafiki! This week our team joined with the employees of our Rafiki Village to put our heads together in figuring out ways to conserve our resources. Together we have agreed to decrease our hours of power, discontinue use of clothes dryers, increase production of our gardens, and the list goes on. We see all the people of our Village, nationals and ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff), becoming stronger and closer, and more dependent on our Heavenly Father. Through this, we are experiencing abundant JOY! The pictures in this letter will depict that JOY in wonderful smiles—smiles that we treasure and smiles that lift us up and urge us on to persevere in His strength. Thank you for supporting us and partnering with us to do His work!

Smiles Shining from the Kreamers During Furlough



ON THE BEACH IN NORTH CAROLINA

There is absolutely no way that we can sufficiently thank the churches that opened their arms to us and welcomed us with their warm support, friends from our home state of Michigan who treated us like family, and our dear family members in North Carolina and Pennsylvania who spoiled us and

took care of us all through furlough! Our fellowship was rich and memories are engraved on our hearts forever. We were filled up with abundant JOY and recharged to carry on and spread the news of the gospel.

Smiles Beaming from the Patients Receiving Care

Our Rafiki Community Clinic which reached out to hundreds of patients in the nearby village of Mwiki, brought many thankful smiles! Adults were not only treated with care from doctors from the States, they received valuable instruction from several other U.S. medical personnel. Each day small groups of patients formed in the courtyard entering the clinic. While they waited to be seen in the clinic, nurses rotated around the groups educating the community on cleanliness (importance of the simple act of washing hands) to the serious implications concerning STD's (Sexual Transmitted Diseases). The patients welcomed them and sat on the edge of their seats listening to all the information. The best part of this education led to numerous occasions where the gospel was shared and received. Many smiles of JOY as we rejoice in the Lord for He is Mighty!

Smiles of JOY from our Rafiki Students



THIRD QUARTER RECITATION

Along with an extremely successful community clinic, we witnessed the fruit of our education program during their Third Quarter Recitation. At the end of each quarter, each class recites a selection from various subjects to portray what

they have learned from that quarter. All the Village, including Rafiki Mothers, employees, teachers, and ROS join with the children in celebrating how much they have grown—physically, academically, and spiritually! In fact, as we were sitting there videoing this program, Tom and Betsy decided that this is part of what we will show you when we return on our next furlough! It is amazing how much the children have learned and how much they continue to have a deep desire to learn more! This education program is the vehicle which will allow so many of our kids to impact their community in a major way. They have come from being hopeless, unwanted children, to beautiful, healthy, children of God with a commitment to live for Him!



Smile from ROS!



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God continues to bless our team! God not only provides all we need to live and work here, He has blessed us with team members who have a desire to lift one another up and just pull together to get done what needs to get done. Our family is so fortunate to live and work side-by-side with each member of our Rafiki team along with so many wonderful Kenyans. The JOY of the Lord is in us and that JOY is full!

Serving together,

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