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His mercies are new every morning! Great is His faithfulness!

So what's new? We have two new children at the center. That makes sixty! We are as full as we can be until we can hire other Rafiki Mothers.

Please pray God will bring called and qualified mothers to care for these orphans.



RAFIKI MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

I have a new three-year-old class! It was almost three weeks before the first one cried. They have been wonderful to work with. We started with four and are now up to nine! We are playing school! *Please continue to pray for creativity for me as I teach these little ones.*



THREE-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL CLASS

I have a new assignment, too. I am working with the girls at the Rafiki Girls' Center again. I'm teaching English this semester. It should be a lot of fun. I will be teaching the girls that have been with us the longest. They are on their final semester. We have watched them grow up. *Please pray for effective teaching in this last semester and also that they would be challenged spiritually through the study of God's Word that is part of their English class.*

We also have ten new girls starting in April! *Pray for the girls to adjust quickly to the routine at the girls' center and to bond well with the girls who already come.*

I have a new Substitute Teaching Leader in BSF! Her name is Chitung Usman. She is a wonderful Christian woman and also a very dear friend. As you get this newsletter she will be giving her first two lectures. *Please pray her teaching is fruitful.*



CHITUNG (L) AND STELLA (R), THE NEW CHILDREN'S SUPERVISOR

I am wondering if God is about to do something new in Nigeria. There are so many things going on here as you may be aware of from the news. All of the "trouble spots" are well away from where we are, but God is certainly doing a wonderful thing through the study of His Word in BSF and the development of the children at the Rafiki Children's Center.



LEAH AND PATIENCE

These are two of the girls in my class. And yes they are as sweet as they are cute!

Nigeria is the "Giant of Africa." One in four Africans is a Nigerian. The key to revival in Africa is Nigeria, and the key city in Nigeria is Jos. With that in mind please *pray for spiritual growth in the lives of the believers so that others are drawn to Christ. Pray for a passion for all to know God more. And pray for believers everywhere to be strengthened for the task ahead.*

I have also gotten a new car. I had a Honda that I have beaten to death going out to Rafiki everyday. The roads are so bad. I'm grateful to be able to get something more practical. *Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel back and forth from the village everyday.*

Another wonderful thing is that we have a new Rafiki Overseas Staff member! We also are expecting three more. We certainly need the help! As they begin their journey they will need lots of prayer. *Pray for their protection physically, and even more important emotionally, and spiritually as they come and for wisdom as they make decisions.*

Caleb is a new daddy, two times over. Today he is being "fixed." Not sure he will like what's new for him.

I can praise God everyday for the wonderful things He is doing in my life. Although many things are very painful, I am grateful for every one of them. *Please pray for my strength as well and for a willingness to be "crushed" so that God can be glorified in my life.*

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD" (Psalm 40:3).

That makes it all worthwhile.

Trusting Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie".

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