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*"I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he" (Deuteronomy 32:3-4).*

Dear Friends and Family,

Have you ever stopped to consider what words you might use to introduce God to someone? Perhaps you would speak of His works and of His character. Each morning at 8 a.m., trainees in Rafiki Girls' Centers throughout Africa begin their day considering an attribute of God. The girls learn that an attribute is a word that describes someone. Some of their favorite attributes of God are: **perfect, Father, Savior, eternal, and impartial.**

God has used our five weeks of furlough in Texas and Missouri to magnify some of His attributes to us. The day before our departure from Zambia, we saw God as our **Almighty Protector** during an attempted break-in at our home. About a dozen men, armed with slashers (long blades for cutting grass), scaled our ten-foot block and electric fence. After tying up the night guard, they were able to pry open two outer doors, but were deterred by security bars. On the far end of the house, they were able to open a window and remove one set of burglar bars, but Tim was awakened as the intruders worked on the second set of bars. He was able to scare them away, and they have not returned since. God is our **Shield** and our **Defender.**

God is our **Refresher** and our **Strength.** Our furlough began with an Enrichment Week in San Antonio, Texas. Through Dr. Niel Nielson of Covenant College, Dr. Mark Talbot of Wheaton University, the Rafiki Director Rosemary Jensen, and the other Rafiki Home

Office Staff, God renewed us physically and spiritually. We were challenged to pursue purity of doctrine and purity of life with Jesus as our **Cornerstone, Authority, and Compassionate Shepherd.**

God is our **Faithful Provider.** Day after day God gave us opportunities to see friends and family, both old and new. He used many of you to provide delicious meals, tasty desserts, lovely venues for gatherings, more than adequate transportation, encouraging words, fun entertainment, generous gifts and comfortable homes in which to stay. Thank you for your love and care. God has blessed us through you.



TIM AND PATTY

By simply speaking, God our **Creator** is able to make something from nothing. Patty had the joy of presenting the truth of God's creation of the world from Genesis 1 and 2 to the children at St. Paul's Evangelical Church.



The following week, we saw God as the **Sovereign Light of the World**. The power went out in parts of West County, St. Louis so the kids at First Evangelical Free Church did not get to see the power point

presentation of pictures from Africa, but we were still able to tell about what it means to be a missionary. Worship by candlelight with the sun shining through the stained glass cross was awe-inspiring. God's **Glory** is real. God is **Love**. He loves us unconditionally and gives us love for one another. During our furlough, God gave us some new friends to love. One in particular is Miss Jessikah Mott, our future daughter-in-law. As Jessikah's family and ours enjoyed frozen custard at Ted Drew's, our son, Clif, proposed. The wedding is scheduled for next summer—during our 2005 furlough.



CLIF AND JESSIKAH

As we worked through communication challenges, we were reminded that God is the **Accessible, Great Communicator**. Through His Son, Jesus, God has chosen to make Himself continually available to us. If you would like to receive our monthly e-mail prayer updates so you can take our needs and the needs of children in Africa to the **Father**, please contact us by email at the address below. Please note—we have a new email address.

We pray that God is revealing His attributes in your lives as well.

Love Always,

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The Yosses are currently at 70% of total need for this term.