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“And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6b NIV).

Happy New Year!

Yes, we realize that it's already February, but in Rwanda when you greet someone for the first time in the New Year, you say, *"Umwaka Mushya Mwiza!"* (Happy New Year!)

Perhaps we should say "Merry Christmas!" as well given that our last newsletter came to you in November.

God blessed us with a very Merry Christmas indeed! It was so wonderful to get to celebrate our Savior's birth with the twenty-four children God brought to Rafiki Village Rwanda in 2009.

Using a plastic nativity set, the children enjoyed acting out the story of Jesus' birth.



In preparation for Christmas, we made an ornament with a photo and the date of arrival at Rafiki for each child. The children had great fun helping to decorate the Christmas tree in the Rafiki dining hall with their ornaments.

During the Rafiki School Christmas program, the children sang "Silent Night", "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Joy to the World," and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," and recited Matthew 1:23 and Luke 2:14 all from memory. Amazing!

The children excitedly opened their Christmas presents after teatime on the 24th. Each child received a new church outfit, a t-shirt, pants, play

shoes, a book, and a pair of animals for the Noah's Ark their family received.



On Christmas Eve, the ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) enjoyed the special treat of going to the children's cottages to read the Christmas story to them. It was such a privilege to be able to share the true meaning of Christmas. Christ the Savior is born!

In Rwanda, Christmas Day for Christians always includes going to church. During the morning worship service, the Rafiki children sang "Joy to the World" as they held little flags with Christmas messages in Kinyarwanda and English. Afterwards, they had a special Christmas lunch of brochette, chips, green beans, matoke, and a cookie with the ROS and kitchen staff. Yum!

Thank you for the smiles that you helped bring to the children at Rafiki Village Rwanda.



As always, God continues to bless us with your love, prayers, support, and friendship. We appreciate you!

As you pray for us, please thank God for:

- Two delightful mothers-in-training.
- Funds to complete the fifth and sixth cottages and the second half of the dining hall, and to add a playground and two new water tanks.

Please ask God for:

- Safety, accuracy and integrity for the builders.
- MiniMissionaries to come share in the joy and the work. For more information about serving as a MiniMissionary, contact the Rafiki Home Office at mm@rafiki-foundation.org or 352-483-9131.
- The Rafiki children to come to know Jesus as their Savior.
- Sponsors for the four newest girls: Alice, Enid, Centia and Immaculee.



It's a privilege to get to serve the Lord and His children in Rwanda. Thank you for helping to make that possible!

Much love always,

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