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“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV).

Dear Friends and Family,

Is your heart encouraged? God is encouraging our hearts and strengthening us in every good deed and word.

Encouraged During Furlough

What an encouragement it was to get to see so many friends and family members during our weeks of furlough in December and January! Thank you again to all of you whom God used to provide transportation, accommodations, meals, fellowship, and words of encouragement. We appreciate you. For the first time since 1999, we were able to celebrate Christmas with our family in the United States.



Rafiki Enrichment Week was a time of great encouragement as well. Our speakers, Dr. R.C. Sproul and Dr. Mark Talbot, challenged us to contemplate the holiness of God and to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God gave us many hours of sweet fellowship with our Rafiki Home Office staff and fellow ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff). It was a wonderful week.

Encouragement in Rwanda

The Lord is answering your prayers and ours. The Minister of Gender and Promotion of Family submitted a letter of recommendation to the Ministry of Local Governance. As a result, the certificate for the renewal of Rafiki's registration was issued. We are encouraged.

In February, we were able to meet with the president of the Eglise Presbyterienne au Rwanda (EPR). He proposed a piece of land for Rafiki's use in Nyamata that is owned by the church. The land is level and appears to be large enough for a Rafiki Village. There is electricity and water in the area. We are encouraged.



Although it currently takes over an hour to travel the twenty-seven kilometers (sixteen miles) of dirt road from Kigali to Nyamata, indications are that it will be paved this year. *Please pray for that process to move forward.*





Several farmers are currently growing crops on the land proposed for the Rafiki Village. The city executive is negotiating expropriation (price for those farming land to relocate). *Please pray that this will be fair and timely.*

Much needed rains have arrived along with these other showers of blessings. We are encouraged.

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Greatly encouraged,

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