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*“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven”*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Dear Family and Friends,

### **Nairobi, Kenya**

The past three months have been a time of great activity, and I have a new understanding of the times described in Ecclesiastes 3: “. . . **a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance;**” (Ecclesiastes 3:4) and “. . . **a time to embrace, . . .**” (Ecclesiastes 3:5). Let me explain: June was a time of laughing and embracing as I got to see family and friends in the U.S. during furlough there. It was a great joy to see so many of you at coffees and to share news about the *Rafiki* Foundation. My greatest joy was sharing the pictures of the children from the Accra, Ghana, *Rafiki* Children’s Center (RCC) so you could see what your support makes possible. It was a time of dancing when I learned in July that my funding for the next two years was 93% completed. **Will you join me in thanking God for His faithfulness in safe travel during the furlough and in providing the prayer and financial support i need to continue working with the *Rafiki* Foundation? Also, will you join me in praying that I am 100% funded by the end of this month?**

**“. . . a time to plant and a time to uproot”** (Ecclesiastes 3:2). Also in June, I attended a week-long briefing at the *Rafiki* Home Office in San Antonio, Texas. This was a time of excellent Bible teaching, encouraging fellowship with other *Rafiki* Overseas Staff (ROS), and discussion of the latest news for *Rafiki* Foundation. This is a time of planting for *Rafiki* as God is opening many doors for us in Africa. The *Rafiki*

Foundation is planning now on building ten model *Rafiki* Villages consisting of a *Rafiki* Children’s Center (RCC), a *Rafiki* Girls’ Center

(RGC), and a *Rafiki* Boys’ Center (RBC). **Will you join me in thanking God for these exciting opportunities and in asking Him for clear guidance for the Home Office staff as they finalize plans for these villages? Also will you join in asking God to provide the financial and personnel resources needed for this expanded work?**

**“. . . a time to tear down and a time to build”** (Ecclesiastes 3:3). I returned to Accra, Ghana, on August 2, to prepare for a move to Nairobi, Kenya, on August 13, where I have moved to continue my work with the *Rafiki* Foundation. Although the RGC is already up and running at this *Rafiki* Village, I have arrived in Nairobi for the time of building the new RCC. As you can see in the picture below, the first cottages for orphans are nearly completed. Also, the selection of *Rafiki* mothers is almost finished.



**New cottages in Nairobi**

**Will you join me in praying for the orphans and moms that God has already in His sovereignty selected to live at this RCC? Please pray for a smooth transition, a quick adjustment,**

**and an immediate bonding for each child and mom.**

At present, it is anticipated that the first orphans (all under the age of six) will move here by October. Shortly after that, we will begin preschool in one half of the dining hall where we will continue to have class until the school is built. **Will you please pray for God's enablement as I begin to teach preschool, become headmaster of a school in a new country, and continue developing the primary curriculum?**



**Dining hall, temporary site of preschool**

**"A time to search. . ."** (Ecclesiastes 3:6). This verse best describes my experiences during July when I worked with the Ligonier Ministries on the curriculum for the *Rafiki* Schools which are being built as part of each RCC. Our aim is to develop curriculum for the pupils in kindergarten through senior secondary level. July was a time of beginning to search for the common features of the educational curriculums of the countries where *Rafiki* Schools are located. It was a time of beginning to search also for the best ways to develop excellent teaching guides and pupil materials. **Will you join me in asking for God's guidance in this critical work? Specifically, I ask that you pray that the curriculum that is developed over the next couple of years glorifies God, presents a biblical-worldview, exemplifies the best in educational design, and meets the needs of all children in each RCC so that they will become the future leaders of their countries.**

**"A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. . ."** (Ecclesiastes 3:5). This is a time of scattering and gathering for me personally as I leave my home and friends in Accra and gather new ones in Nairobi. As I write this letter, I am in the midst of finding a new home, a new automobile, and a new church home. **Will you join me in thanking God for the new opportunities He has given me and asking Him for guidance and protection as I establish a new life in a new city?**

**"A time to love . . ."** (Ecclesiastes 3:8). Thank you for the love you have shown already through your prayer, encouragement, and financial support. In love, I leave you with a promise from Ecclesiastes 3, **"I know that everything God does will endure forever. . ."** (verse 14). This certainly includes the work of the *Rafiki* Villages which are showing God's love to the neediest of His children in Africa. Will you pray about how you can be a part of this enduring work of God? There is a time for everything under heaven. Perhaps now is the time for you to be a MiniMissionary or ROS, a part of a *Rafiki* Prayer Group, or to give financially to support an ROS, an orphan, a *Rafiki* Village, or the *Rafiki* Home Office. More information about these opportunities can be found at the *Rafiki* website ([www.rafiki-foundation.org](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org)).

In God's love,

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*P.S. From the Home Office: Rose is at 100% for her new term.*