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“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17 NIV).



CHANGE. This word does not have a positive or negative meaning in and of itself, but to many people, upon being confronted by it, they have in their mind one connotation or the other.

Change has been the hallmark of our lives over the past few months. By God’s grace we are embracing it as a gift from Him, knowing full well He has our best interest in mind. ***“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you”*** (Joshua 1:5 NIV).

Some changes we have experienced include different time zones, cultures, homes, foods, sounds, smells, friends, and churches.

We are adjusting to sleeping under mosquito nets, very bumpy car rides, and surviving without around-the-clock electricity.



Fortunately, in light of all these changes, we can hold tight to the verse above and rest in the fact that God does not change. He has been with us throughout our transition to life in Uganda, guiding and protecting us.



As many of you heard, we were at Heathrow airport in London during a period of heightened security due to terrorist threats. It was a remarkable challenge. We arrived and were instructed to claim all fourteen of our seventy-pound bags and move them upstairs to have everything re-checked. This little predicament took at least five hours to complete, not without the assistance of numerous helpful bystanders. It never crossed our minds we would be thankful for a seven-hour layover, but without it our second flight would have launched without the Andersons. We learned to fly with four children on an eight-hour flight free from carry-on supplies, since all such baggage had to be checked in as well. Thank the Lord for in-flight videos.

We’ve received a warm greeting from our fellow missionaries and have moved into our home at the Rafiki Village. Everyone is going the extra mile to help us get settled. The ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) are showing us around, teaching us how to shop, and even providing driving lessons. Vehicles in Uganda have the steering wheel on the right side and you travel on the left side of the road. They also have roundabouts instead of lights which makes maneuvering rather interesting.



MAMA, KIDS WITH JOSIAH AND KEIDI

Our changes are many, but none seem nearly as significant as the changes that the Rafiki children have experienced. Once orphans, they now have a family with a Rafiki mother and sisters and brothers. Regular healthy meals replace not knowing where their next bit of food will come from. Dirt floors and porous shelter has been replaced by a comfortable bed to sleep in and a solid roof overhead. Hunting to find water is no longer a daily worry as clean water appears from faucets in their cottages.

The children now have regular medical care and most importantly they are learning about the Lord in every aspect of their lives.



BRIDGET AND SCOVIA
PUSHING MAGGIE AND CLARA ON SWINGS

Our kids are enjoying playtimes with the Rafiki children each day. They have welcomed us with open arms and we are so very grateful.



JOSIAH WITH THE BOYS

We are also thankful for the prayers of so many who lift us up on a daily basis. We could not manage this transition without the consistent love and support received from our family and friends.

Praises:

- For God's protection during the move
- That our transition time is going well for us and our children
- We are all sleeping well

Prayer Requests:

- For safety when driving
- For wisdom on schooling our children
- Continued health for all

With love and gratitude,

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