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"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you"
(Matthew 17:20).

Dear friends,

Greetings from Joanne in Uganda!

God has indeed been "moving mountains" here at Rafiki Village in Uganda! Goals that seem beyond our reach have been met and we are growing. Our village is now home to twenty-nine children from eight weeks of age. Our girls' center is schooling thirty girls, and our national staff has grown to about thirty-five adults. We have twelve long-term missionaries on our team, otherwise known as ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff). We usually have one or two short term missionaries with us, known as MiniMissionaries, who help us with our work. Our village is a place of great movement and action. *Will you pray with us that God will help us to continue to move mountains (and children and staff) here at Rafiki Village Uganda?*

Children Moving into New Rafiki Homes

Since my last newsletter in April, we have added three children to our Rafiki Village. Sarah and Simon, both about eight weeks, moved into a new home with Mama Jane and Auntie Christine. They were born prematurely and left at the hospital. They have more than doubled their weight since they arrived in May. Mama Jane had been waiting to know the children God would bring to start her family. She (and we) never expected to have two infants move to Rafiki! It is so much fun for everyone to have our little babies start a new family. In addition, Jerome, about three months, moved into another cottage joining his four brothers and three sisters. The older siblings are having a great time with their new little brother. They love to watch him move his little hands and "find" his mouth or the little finger of a brother or sister.

Please pray that more children will move to our Rafiki Village soon.



SARAH AND SIMON

Teachers Moving to Kavumba

What a pleasure it has been to welcome our first two Ugandan teachers to our children's center school! John comes with twenty-two years of experience teaching in the primary level. Joyce just finished taking her certificate exams; she is training now for our pre-primary kindergarten class. We have just three weeks of school remaining for this school year, but we are moving to prepare for the opening of school in August with four levels of education. Our classes will be three-year-olds, four-year-olds, five-year-olds (kindergarten), and Primary One (first grade). It is so much fun to see how excited our children, Rafiki Mothers, and aunties are about having Ugandan teachers at the school. John and Joyce are equally excited. They are also content with their one-room homes in Kavumba, nice neighbors, and an easy walk to the Rafiki Village for work. However, would you please *pray that God would move them to another part of Kavumba where there is power, so John and Joyce can have*

electricity? Teachers need light to read and prepare for school after dark, which is about 7:00 P.M. here, year round.

Girls at Our Girls' Center Moving into New Classes

What a thrill it is to know that we are now training thirty girls from the surrounding villages. Many of the girls are orphans and all are in great need. The girls who started with us in October of 2003, have now moved into a class on business machines and are making beautiful woven bags during their time in the morning. They are also making stencilled items, all of which are available for purchase at the Rafiki Exchange in San Antonio (and via the Rafiki web site www.rafiki-foundation.org). *Please pray for the girls' health and protection as they move to and from the village early in the morning.*

Missionaries Are Moving

We thank God for our team of ROS. Now we are twelve, but soon we will happily be a team of nine again. You may ask why we are happy, and I will tell you. Three of our team members came to Uganda on temporary assignment before going to Rwanda to begin the Rafiki work in Kigali. We are happy to know they will soon be moving to begin Rafiki Village Rwanda, even though we will miss them. God is helping Rafiki to move into Rwanda, Tanzania, Liberia, Zambia, and Ethiopia. These five villages will round out our number of villages to ten by complimenting those already operating in Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi, Kenya, and here in Uganda. *Please pray that God will move the government offices in the new areas to grant work permits and other legal requirement to open Rafiki Villages in these countries.*

I Will Be on The Move during Furlough

The plane lifts off from Entebbe airport in Uganda on Wednesday, June 29th, and I will land in San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, June 30th. I always appreciate moving across time zones to gain more time for furlough. Here is an outline of my furlough schedule. Please come see me—you, my friends and supporters, always encourage me and give me joy!

E-mail me at jcolvin@africaonline.co.ug to get contact information and directions to presentations or coffees.

June 29-July 10 – San Antonio, Texas

- Presentation at Faith Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, July 3

July 11-13 – Columbia, Maryland

- Coffee in Columbia
Tuesday evening, July 12s

July 14 – Atlanta, Georgia

- Coffee, Thursday evening

July 15-16 – Tallahassee, Florida

July 17-22 – San Antonio, Texas

- Afternoon luncheon presentation
Wednesday, July 20

July 23-24 – Harlington, Texas

- Coffee, Saturday morning, July 23
- Presentation at Harlington PCA Church,
Sunday morning, July 24

25-28 July – Phoenix, Arizona

- Coffee, Tuesday evening, July 26

July 29-30 – San Antonio, Texas

July 30 – Return to Uganda

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Love,



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