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*“Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields,
that they are white for the harvest” (John 4:35 NASB).*

Dear friends and family,

“Where He leads me I will follow,” so the old hymn declares. But, where He leads me will I follow? This is the question we must ask ourselves. Can we trust Him? We are called to **“present our bodies as living and holy sacrifices”** to the Lord, this is **“a spiritual act of worship”** (Romans 12:1). But, are we willing? He is our Creator, our Savior, our Lord. Who could we trust more? So yes, I will trust, and where He leads me I will follow.

As many of you are aware, I traveled to Uganda this summer in search of an answer to the question, “What does God want me to do in the next season of my life?” As I approach the autumn of my life, I realize that many cares have passed, yet many opportunities still lie ahead. But where is He leading me now?

Africa!? The ravages of AIDS and war have left an estimated forty-six million orphans across that continent. My visit to Uganda confirmed the great need for Christians throughout the world to rise up and care for this needy generation. The average age in Uganda is fifteen, the life expectancy fifty. There are few older people to care for and guide the young. This is true across much of Africa. These precious little ones need much care but their greatest need to come to the Savior.

An organization called Rafiki (which means friend in Swahili) is working in ten African countries building Villages to care for orphans. These Villages meet their physical needs and provide a Bible-based education in a loving environment. Rafiki’s desire is to raise up children who will be strong godly contributors to their own communities. Rafiki has been in Africa since 1985 and has been building training Villages since 2000. They need many short-term and long-term workers to come alongside them. They need those who will sponsor children and pray for the work.

I believe God is leading me to reach out and be “hands and feet” for His work among the children of Africa through Rafiki. I must admit the challenge is great. I would not wish to attempt such a task without the hand of God upon me. He has stirred my heart and I am compelled to go. So, I am humbly seeking your help. I need a team of prayer partners who would be willing to regularly bring this mission before the throne of God. Could it be that God would lead you to join me on this journey through prayer support?

Indeed, the challenge is great, and I am just one person stepping out into the unknown, leaving behind what I know—family, friends, home. Funds must be raised to move to and live for the two-year commitment Rafiki has requested. The preliminary cost to establish my position is \$34,500. This includes such things as visa, travel, outfitting a home, and acquiring a means of transportation. Then there is the estimated \$3200 per month needed to live and do the work. All of this must be raised or pledged before I leave. I’ll not deny I approach such numbers with trepidation. And yet, I am not going to an unknown without an “all-knowing” and “all-powerful” God by my side!

He, who is the possessor of all things declares, **“Every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills”** (Psalm 50:10 NASB). And, so, I place this need in the hands of the Father trusting that He who chose one to go will also choose another to help provide the way.

In conclusion, I would like to challenge you with the question I asked myself at the beginning of this letter. **“Where He leads you will you follow?”** Perhaps God has stirred your heart as well. Are you willing? Can you trust Him? I invite you to come with me on this journey. Come, pray, give, whatever God may lead you to do. It is my prayer that we might be a people who will stand together and with one voice proclaim, **“Where He leads us, we will follow.”** Amen

May the Grace of God richly bless your lives.

In His Service,

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P.S. If you would like to follow my journey or be a part of it please return the enclosed card. If you would like more information please indicate on the card. I would love to share with you or a group of your friends more about Rafiki and the children of Africa.

See www.rafiki-foundation.org/ros/mckeighen/mckeighen.html

“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, “your God reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7 NASB)