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“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you. . .”
(John 13:34 NIV).



ENJOYING THE DINING HALL

Dear family and friends,

Here it is the starting of a new year in Rwanda. The year 2010 hardly seems possible; it even sounds strange to say it. We are so blessed to be starting it here in Rwanda, serving the Lord with the Rafiki Foundation.

This new year has started with a surprising burst of activity. The first half of our new dining hall is finished and operating. We serve three meals and a snack each day to twenty-four precious gifts from God, along with their Rafiki Mothers and Aunties. As you may remember we have had six children's cottages started but only three of those are finished and operating. Praise the Lord we have received funding to finish the next three cottages, to complete the second half of the dining hall, to outfit our guest house, and to build a playground for the children.



KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Bev is teaching eleven children in our class of three-year-olds. She is also team teaching the afternoon kindergarten class with Education Director Anne Kelly.

The children continue to increase in their knowledge and use of English. We are amazed how fast they learn. Bev is able to acquaint them with many new and wonderful things, many that we simply take for granted like the use of binoculars. While out on a nature walk, the boys were fascinated that they could see a red bird in a tree far up the hill with their (paper) binoculars. Upon closer visual exam after "adjusting" their binoculars, they realized it was a man in a red shirt trimming the tree branches. Much discussion ensued. On another such outing,



THREE-YEAR-OLD CLASS

little Marie, the youngest, excitedly exclaimed,
"Auntie Bev, I found a weef ! I found a weef!" (leaf)



BINOCULARS

Ken has had many days of chasing paperwork for with the new year comes the renewing of visas, work permits, NGO registrations, and green cards. As always, leading the daily national Bible study is the highlight of his day.

There was also time to take the kindergarten class for a field trip to the farm. Everyone had a grand time, including Ken.



LEARNING ABOUT PIGS
THE RIDE HOME

We have heard God's call to serve for the next two years in Rwanda with the Rafiki Foundation and we ask for your prayers. We are short of our needed support and are now at 67% of our total for two years. If God has touched your heart with a burden for these Rwandan orphans, and you would like to help keep us on the field in Rwanda, please contact the Rafiki Home Office with your donation or pledge. Our ROS # 176 has to be on the paperwork for pledges and donations to be appropriately credited to our account. We are ever grateful to God for your love and prayers which are such encouragement as we serve in Rwanda.

Lovingly in Christ,

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