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“But I prayed, ‘Now strengthen my hands’” (Nehemiah 6:9b).

Dear Family and Friends,

Muraho. Hello, from Rafiki Village-Rwanda. God’s peace and grace to you.

In February Dr. Elaine Tan arrived for a week. She traveled with us to several medical supply houses and met with pharmacists, doctors, and local clinics to discover what supplies are available. We visited hospitals to learn what medical services are offered in our area. Dr. Tan was a tremendous help to Bev in learning what is available here as well as how to begin to set up the medical records, supplies, and a medical closet. She brought several medical instruments and many supplies for us. Dr. Tan is an effective and efficient pediatrician who has worked in Malawi as an ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) for the past two years. In April she became the Rafiki director of medical operations who will oversee the



Medical Clinics and visit each Rafiki Village annually. We are blessed by this dear godly servant and look forward to her visit here with us again.

Tim and Patty have been in the States since the end of February. Tim had medical concerns that needed follow up. He is doing better with no life threatening medical issues, for which we are so very thankful to God. They are headed back home to us the middle of June. We are so thankful to God for them and His watchful care of them. We are so-o-o looking forward to their safe return. Thank you for praying and know that your prayers make a difference here in our lives.

Ken has been very busy with construction. The Guest House that one day will house MiniMissionaries is nearing completion. Bathroom tiles are in, the cement floors seem smooth as glass, the window and door frames are installed, the outside fascia boards on the eaves are up and painted, the colored plaster rough casting trim is

finished and it is looking “very smart” as the Africans say. We thank the Lord for such progress.



Our first two gazebos are completed and cottages Ruth and Samuel are coming along nicely. The second group of three cottages to be completed next is progressing well. We thank God.

Our five mothers in training arrived on April 15th and are settling in nicely. Judith, Florence, Consolee,



Alice, and Immaculee are doing well studying English and are eager enthusiastic learners. They are such a delight to teach and very tender hearted toward God. Our days are filled with nouns, verbs, phonics, opposites, similes, vocabulary and so forth. Much hard work is accomplished with many smiles and laughter. We have just begun writing and it has been such a blessing to read their compositions about “My Father” and “My City.”

Each of the women has been affected by the Genocide of 1994 and lost family members “in the war.” We are so blessed of God to have these dear women training to be mothers of our orphans.
Please pray they will continue to be eager learners,

come to know, read and speak English well. We Praise God for these dear godly women. We also ask for continued prayer for the orphaned children who will one day call Rafiki home.



We continue with Kinyarwanda language class and that is proving more difficult as the pace picks up here. So we have cut back to one class a week. We are learning and our tutor is so patient with us two "old folks."

Two weeks ago Rosemary Jensen, president of the Rafiki Foundation, asked Ken if he would accept the duties and responsibilities of Village director in Rwanda. After much prayer and discussion he felt God's call to accept. *Please keep Ken in your prayers as he relies on the Lord's equipping and wisdom to serve Him well in this area of service.* Tim is relieved and happy to "pass the baton" and will be a tremendous encouragement to Ken.



We so appreciate your prayers for our team for travel mercies over the next two months.

Cricket leaves for the U.S.A. for most of June and the first week of July. Susan and Bob Hegel will be here for a week in June. Though we have not yet met them, their wonderful reputation precedes them and we welcome their able assistance and smiling faces. Ken will be heading to the Home Office in Florida in June for the Village director's Annual Meeting. The day before he departs Tim and Patty arrive back home with us. Then Ken will scoot back to Rwanda. Our next missionary teammate is Primrose Pennicook of Malaysia, who is busy raising support. *Please keep Primrose in your prayers as she seeks to answer God's call.* She will be flying to the States mid-summer, *so please be praying God will provide opportunities for her to share His call of her as well as provide her needed funding.*

Prayer and Praise

- Our mothers in training have arrived and are doing well. Please pray they will learn to speak, read and write English clearly. Pray for their good health.
- Please remember Immaculee as her mother died last week and she has gone to attend the funeral and help decide on family arrangements. May she know the comfort, peace, and wisdom of the Lord Jesus during this time of loss.
- Praise the Lord Tim and Patty will be home soon!
- Dr. Elaine Tan as Rafiki's director of medical operations: Pray for strength and good health as she travels to each Village for clinics, for wisdom and equipping, as she writes the medical manual for all Villages in the care of children, ROS, and staff.
- Travel mercies for each of our team members traveling over the next two months
- Worker safety, accuracy, and integrity as construction work progresses.
- Ken, as he steps in as our Village director, to have God's wisdom, equipping, and good common sense as he relates with contractors, workers, ROS, government officials, and vendors. May all see Jesus in his heart and life.
- Time to study language
- Bev as she organizes the medical closet, all the info and supplies that entails.
- Opportunities for Primrose in the U.S.A.
- Bev as she teaches English classes—to be clear, creative, and focused.
- Praise God for each one who supports us in prayer and finances. We could not serve here without you. What a blessing you are indeed!!!
- Praise God for the dear folks at Hope Baptist who built crates and donated financially to get our shipment to us here in Rwanda.

We praise God for the great privilege and responsibility to serve here in Rwanda with Rafiki in the name of Jesus. We are under girded daily with your encouragement and love. Thank you so much. *Imana agaha imigisha.*

Ken and Bev

God Bless you,

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