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“For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death” (Psalm 72:12 and 13).

Psalm 72 is rich and meaningful as we consider our call of God to Africa. We will be working with orphaned children, the needy, the afflicted, and the weak through the Rafiki Foundation. Do you remember the meaning of rafiki in *Swahili*?



On Oct 19, Ken returned to the U.S. after six weeks of assisting Patti and Tim Yoss and Crickett Meyer with construction of Rafiki Village Rwanda in Nyamata, located sixteen miles from Kigali. Tim and crew had several projects underway. One project was to complete the cement pad for the Village water tanks and connecting the tanks to the district water supply line. Praise God both tasks were completed! Also there are now footings and foundation walls started on eleven buildings in the Village. Glory to God! Work can be frustrating at times, as materials remain in customs now weeks later, but we are grateful progress is being made and we see the faithfulness of our Sovereign God.

Rwanda is densely populated with over eight and a half million people in an area slightly smaller than the state of Maryland. The average age is eighteen years with a life expectancy of forty-seven years. Working with the people of Rwanda is very rewarding. They are eager, hard, and happy workers. They were very patient with this *muzungu* (white person) trying to learn their language.

Going to church on Sunday was a one hour drive. The road was full of people, some dressed for church, some for work. We saw groups of people walking all dressed alike whom I learned were church choir members. Mothers had their babies on their backs,



carrying a package on top of their heads leaving their hands free for work—amazing. Upon arrival to church the children’s choir, *Umusingi* (meaning foundation), welcomed us with a special song they had prepared. The church choir *Dusange Umukiza* (means we go to the Savior) began to sing as we went inside the church. There was also a special choir made up of the Rafiki workers. The first hour and a half of the three-hour service was filled with singing, dancing, reading Scripture, and giving testimonies in what we would call total abandon and pure joy. Their joy in worship to God was beautiful beyond description.



God has called us and given us a heart for the people and children in Africa. When I returned home my luggage was much lighter than when I went. I left my socks, shoes, shirts, pants, and my watch. But much more than that—God had me leave a piece of my heart. I need to go back, not to find it, but to give more of it away. The only way we can do that is with your help. We deeply appreciate those of you who have partnered with us in prayer and financial support. We pray those who have not yet given will prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you encourage hopeless, helpless orphans in Africa to become godly contributors in their country. Will you be rafiki (a friend) to the needy who cry, afflicted who need help, and have pity for the weak? We pray so.



In Service to Him and His,

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