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“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV).

Dear family and friends,

Muraho! Greetings from Rwanda. We praise God daily for allowing us the privilege to serve here with Rafiki. We are thankful to God, through Christ Jesus, for good health, good strength, good energy, and His sustaining provision in every area of life here. As we try to use the gifts He has given us to administer God’s grace to the people of Rwanda. These are busy days indeed!

Ken, as Village Director, now has a national assistant, Asiime Sam. He is a precious young man who seems wise beyond his years. He taught English in senior secondary school prior to coming to Rafiki. Sam continues to attend night school majoring in business. He teaches a weekly English class to our Rafiki national workers here on site.



SAM

Rafiki also offers a class to the community which is held in the local church school adjacent to the Village. The class has become so large that Sam has separated it into two classes to accommodate the new learners and the more proficient in English.



ENGLISH CLASS

Sam is a wonderful teacher and the students come from all walks of life; policemen, army officers, doctors and many from the local church. These classes give us opportunity to contribute to the local community. Sam is also extremely helpful in Village procurement of construction supplies and equipment, translation of documents, and is able to do many things. Rafiki is blessed to have Sam.



FIRST AID CLASS

Bev taught a First Aid Class to the mothers-in-training. She found it helpful to inquire about prior experience or knowledge of topics. Teaching and explaining why prior knowledge may not be correct is very important.

English classes are going well. Bev has been relieved of some of the classes due to increasing responsibilities in the medical realm—making First Aid Kits for the cottages and kitchen, preparing and teaching First Aid Classes to the mothers as well as the kitchen staff, inventory of all medicines and supplies, treating illnesses and injuries as needed, screening and taking new employees for medical examinations, visiting local clinics and hospitals gathering information. She is also making a “wish list” of equipment, supplies and medicines that would be helpful here.

Ken and Sam have been very focused on getting information to the district and sector leaders, and churches within the sectors of the Bugesera District to help locate orphans for Rafiki. This is the beginning of the process of identifying children that will one day call Rafiki their home. Though we have no date, we are hoping and praying for the arrival of children before the year’s end.



KEN INTRODUCING ANNIE TO THE RAFIKI WORKERS

Annamarie Kelly, our newest ROS (Rafiki OverSeas Staff) team member, arrived on October 28th. She is a delightful godly soul and a wonderful addition to our team. She comes to us from Austin, Texas, and will serve as headmistress of our school.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We have had the privilege of teaching children's church in the local church on Sunday mornings and it has been truly amazing! We expected about thirty children for the first class and stopped counting when we reached 150—yes, that is 150 children! It was a challenge but God was, and continues to be, gracious. Last week we used flannel graph to tell the story of Samuel. It was a wonderful lesson to encourage the children that they can serve God even now while they are young. With so many children in class it is necessary to be very organized and plan the lesson carefully. We teach the children verses of Scripture, sing Christian songs in English, and often have opportunity to review colors, numbers, days of the week, etc.

The Village is being constructed before our very eyes. The guest house is completed, the dining hall/kitchen/laundry facility is having the roofing installed—such excitement. "Paul," the name of our house, is progressing nicely. Bev hopes to move in before the New Year but we trust the Lord knows best.



GUARDS

The Rafiki guards now have uniforms and look "very smart," as the Africans say. It is helpful to be able to distinguish them from afar and they wear their uniforms proudly.

Many of you have been praying about our water supply and back up supply. We praise the Lord and are so thankful for your prayers. It is now rainy season—thank the Lord. *Please continue praying about possible options for back up water supply.*

We are so grateful to God for you and your faithful support for us here in Rwanda on His behalf. Would you prayerfully consider supporting a child at Rafiki Village Rwanda?

Praise and Prayer

- Salvation and/or growth in Christ of Rafiki workers, children's church attendees, and others whom the Lord has put in our "sphere of influence" here
- The safe arrival of Annmarie Kelly (May she adjust well to life in Rwanda.)
- The progress with construction of cottages, dining hall/kitchen/laundry/facility, ROS housing, and completion of the Guest House
- Worker safety, accuracy, and integrity
- A source of backup water supply
- Good strength, health, and energy
- Sensitivity to the Lord's bidding in the screening, testing and selection of orphaned children
- God to be honored by our thoughts, words, and deeds as we serve here in the name of Jesus Christ
- Faithfully administer God's grace in its various forms using gifts to serve others

In His service,

Ken and Bev

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