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“Unless the LORD builds the house, it’s builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain” (Psalm 127:1 NIV).

Dear Family and Friends,

As the year draws to a close, I stand amazed at all the Lord has done for us here in Rwanda. During this past year we have been blessed as we have seen Him at work.

One of our biggest blessings was having our first two MiniMissionaries come out and help us with our building between mid-September and early November. God’s timing is always perfect. Loren Funk, our second MiniMissionary arrived the day before our first MiniMissionary Ken Merrill left. What a tremendous joy and blessing it was to us as a team to have these two knowledgeable men here to help Tim with the building.



LOREN FUNK AND KEN MERRILL, FIRST MINIMISSIONARIES TO COME TO RWANDA. TIM YOSS IS IN THE MIDDLE, LOOKING VERY PLEASED WITH THE HELP THAT WAS SENT.

As we commit the building of our Rafiki Village to the Lord we know for sure that unless He “builds it,” we build in vain, and unless He watches over our Village, the watchmen stand guard in vain. As many of you know, we waited a long eleven weeks for the initial shipment of our building supplies to finally be released tax free from customs in Rwanda. Included in these supplies was the wire mesh for our perimeter fence. We hired watchmen at the job site to keep watch over our equipment and building materials. During all this time without a fence, the Lord kept Rafiki’s belongings safe and there were no incidents or loss of supplies. The Lord was watching over our Village.



TRUCKS ARRIVE WITH MANY OF OUR BUILDING SUPPLIES

There was much excitement as the two trucks which we had hired to deliver our building supplies drove up the Rafiki road. Many willing hands were there to help Tim with the unloading. Finally we were able to start the work on our long awaited fence!



WIRE MESH FOR THE FENCH

While Tim and his crew work on erecting the fence, Patty and I check in weekly with the man building the gate for the Rafiki entrance. We find great delight in making sure that our gate is being made according to specifications and can almost picture the completed product. It will still be a number of weeks before the gate is finished and ready for instillation. In the meantime we wait with great anticipation.



RAFIKI GATE IN PROCESS

As we come to the end of a great year here in Rwanda, it is also with great anticipation that we, as a team, await the arrival of our Ugandan based ROS, Stu Coiner. He will be helping us on a part-time basis with the building of our Village here in Rwanda. As many of you know, Stu was diagnosed with stage four cancer at the beginning of this year. Through much treatment and even more prayers, Stu is now able to return to the mission field to continue serving the Lord and the orphans in Uganda alongside his wife, Marsha. We truly feel blessed to have Stu as a part of our team on a part-time basis.

I will be returning to the States on furlough during June 2007 (Lord willing). My travel plans include Seattle, Denver, Dallas, and San Antonio. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Praises:

- For my current support for the term January 2007 – December 2008 which is at 27%. Praise the Lord for all who are investing in His work with orphans in Africa.
- For sending our first two MiniMissionaries, Ken and Loren, to help with the building
- For the release of equipment and building materials with no taxes due
- For the safety of the workmen on the building sight

Prayer Requests:

- For Stu's health and stamina as he works and travels between Rwanda and Uganda
- For additional ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) for Rwanda
- For safety, integrity, and accuracy for our builders
- For 100% of my financial support needed for my next two-year term (January 2007 – December 2008)

Thank you for blessing me through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas.

In Jesus' love and for His glory,

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