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"Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise" (Psalm 48:1 NIV).

Dear Family and Friends,

What a joy it is to reach the end of another wonderful year in the Lord's service! As I look back on all that He has helped us to accomplish here in Rwanda, I stand in awe and the words of the well-known and much loved hymn, "How Great Thou Art" come to mind. Truly, God is great!

At the beginning of this year you will recall receiving photos looking like this:



THE WALLS GOING UP ON TWO OF THE FIRST CHILDREN'S COTTAGES IN RWANDA

Having almost reached the end of this year, we now have a total of six children's cottages with walls up and roofs. Joshua, the cottage that is nearly complete, will accommodate the Rafiki Mothers whom we will be training early in the New Year. Recent photos look more like this:



EXCAVATION BEING DONE AROUND THE COTTAGES IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE RAIN WATER RUNOFF



KITCHEN CUPBOARDS BEING DELIVERED FOR THE FIRST THREE ROS (RAFIKI OVERSEAS STAFF) HOMES

The Rafiki Village Rwanda site has been a hive of activity during these last few weeks. It is our hearts desire to be able to move onto the Village before Christmas this year and it seems that God is granting us this desire as we have our "BIG MOVE" set for 20 December.



CEMENT BEING POURED FOR THE FIRST SIDEWALKS



WALLS, CEILINGS, AND CUPBOARDS GETTING THEIR LAST COATS OF PAINT AND VARNISH



TIM, PATTY, AND CRICKET

As this year draws to a close, this will be the last time you will see a photo of the Rwandan Rafiki team with only three staff members in it. I cannot begin to tell you how excited the three of us are to finally be getting teammates.



KEN AND BEV MERRIL, OUR LONG-AWAITED AND ALREADY MUCH LOVED TEAMMATES

You may well remember that towards the end of 2006, Ken Merrill put his support raising on "hold" as he answered our desperate plea for help and came to Rwanda for six weeks to assist us with building. We fell in love

with this wonderful man of God who has such a huge servant's heart. I remember well how Patty and I stood at the airport with tears in our eyes as we saw him off after his time here. He would be sorely missed for sure. Imagine our excitement in July this year when we got official word that Ken and his wife, Bev, were being sent to Rwanda on completion of their support raising. Our hearts were filled to overflowing. We eagerly await their arrival on 18 December.

As we have waited in anticipation for the Lord to bring in all the financial support that Ken and Bev needed to begin their first two year term in Rwanda, we have also been praying that God will bring in all the financial support that Primrose Pennicooke needs in order to join our team next year as well. Primrose will be coming to start up our Rafiki School

as the Education Program Director. Please would you join us in asking the Lord to touch the hearts of many people so that they would be willing to contribute towards Primrose's financial support in order for her to join the Rwandan team during 2008?



FUTURE TEAMMATE PRIMROSE

Praises:

- For all of God's goodness, provision, and protection during 2007
- For each of you (who have supported me financially and through prayer this past year)
- For the completion of Ken and Bev's support raising and for God's provision for them

Prayer Requests:

- For the safe arrival of the Merrills
- For the financial support that Primrose still needs in order to join our team in Rwanda
- For the installation of the electrical cable later this month
- For team unity and a wonderful time of bonding with our new teammates

As we look forward to this Christmas we have much to celebrate—not only the celebration of finally being able to move out to the new Rafiki Village Rwanda and of Ken and Bev's arrival, but more importantly, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior.

It is my heartfelt prayer that the Lord Jesus will bless you as you celebrate His birth with your family and friends, remembering "the reason for the season."

Thank you for blessing me through your prayers, encouragement and financial support. I love and appreciate you! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Jesus' love and for His glory,



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