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“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV).

Dear Family and Friends,

God is encouraging my heart and strengthening me in every good deed and word.

Encouraged through supporters

This year got off to a wonderful start. God encouraged me through the visits of four of my supporters. It was so exciting to take them out to Nyamata to see the progress being made in the building of the Rafiki Village Rwanda. “Seeing” the progress through the eyes of someone else and sensing their excitement about what God is doing here in our small country is a tremendous encouragement.



MARY AND DOUG WINDEMULLER AND THEIR GRANDSON, MATT, STANDING WITH ME IN MY FUTURE NEW HOME.



MABEL AND TIM KOOP DRINKING TEA AT THE “HOTEL RWANDA”

Encouraged through MiniMissionaries

It is exciting to see God send just the right MiniMissionaries at just the right time to just the right Rafiki Village. Our team here in Rwanda was so encouraged when Babs and Dave Veneman came as MiniMissionaries to help us for three weeks.



DAVE VENEMAN FIXING OUR BLOCK MAKER

We finally got the block maker that we had made in Uganda, out of Rwandan customs. However, our excitement was shortlived as Tim discovered that it was not working as it should. This posed no problem to Dave. Being a farmer, he was used to fixing machinery, and in no time at all, he had the block maker working and producing the blocks needed to start the buildings.



BABS AND PATTY YOSS CUTTING MATERIAL FOR THE CURTAINS.

While Dave tinkered away at the block maker out in the Rafiki Village in Nyamata, Babs spent endless hours back at our house in Kigali working on sewing the curtains for our children’s cottages. Neither Patty nor I are keen on sewing. What a blessing it was to have someone who knew what they were doing and not just that, but also were prepared to sit for many, many hours in front of a sewing machine stitching seams.

Encouragement through the Home Office Visit



PATTY YOSS, MAMA RAFIKI (ROSEMARY JENSEN), DR. BOB JENSEN AND CRICKET IN FRONT OF THE RAFIKI GATE.

It is always such an encouragement to have a visit from "Mama Rafiki" (Rosemary Jensen) herself. On this visit she was accompanied by Dr. Bob Jensen (her husband), members of the Rafiki Home Office staff, members of our Rafiki board, and a couple who are Rafiki supporters and helping with the education program being offered to ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) and national teachers.



TIM YOSS AND "MAMA RAFIKI" (ROSEMARY JENSEN) STANDING IN FRONT OF JOSHUA COTTAGE, OUR FIRST CHILDREN'S COTTAGE TO BE BUILT.

Joshua, Ruth, and Samuel, will be the names of our first three children's cottages. We are finally up to ring beam height on Joshua Cottage and soon we hope that the trusses and roof will go up bringing the actual structure to near completion. After that the doors, windows, plumbing etc. will follow. These are exciting times for sure.

Encouragement through furlough

I love coming "home" on furlough as God uses each of you to encourage me in the work He has called me to do. I always find it a tremendous joy to share God's work in Rwanda with you and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during my upcoming furlough.

10 June – 16 June: Seattle
17 June – 24 June: Denver
24 June – 28 June: Dallas
28 June – 1 July: San Antonio

I will be doing a separate furlough to South Africa during August when I plan to visit my supporting churches, family, friends, and other supporters.

Forty-two percent of the total financial support needed for my current term (Jan '07 – Dec '08) has been committed. Thank you! If you would like to continue to support me financially but have not had the opportunity to let the Home Office know of your intent, please contact Susy Harbick at susyh@rafiki-foundation.org or (210) 244-2600 ext. 615.

Praises:

- For my current support at 42% for the term January 2007 – December 2008 (Praise the Lord for all who are investing in His work with orphans in Africa.)
- For an encouraging visit from Home Office
- For the opportunity to see some of you in June and to share the work of Rafiki in Rwanda
- For a 50% reduction in the cost of installing a transformer on the Rafiki property, giving us access to electricity
- For the safety of the workmen on the building sight

Prayer requests:

- For safety, integrity, and accuracy for our builders
- For additional ROS for Rwanda
- For endurance in language studies
- For 100% of my financial support for my next two-year term (Jan '07 – Dec '08)

Thank you for blessing me through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. I look forward to thanking as many of you as possible in person when I travel to the States and South Africa in June and August.

In Jesus' love and for His glory

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