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RAFIKI PRAYER GROUP IN CAPE TOWN—TAKEN AFTER MOM'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

*"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High"*
(Psalm 9:1-2 NIV).

Dear family and friends,

I am praising the Lord with all my heart, as I tell of all His wonders, not only in Rwanda but also in Cape Town, South Africa.



On 21 August my mom went home to be with Jesus; her work on earth was complete. She has left behind a wonderful legacy. Three years ago, the Lord laid it on her heart to start a Bible study and prayer group in the retirement home where she was living. The group started with two or three

people getting together in mom's room every week to pray for Rafiki in Africa as well as for our Home Office staff in the States. As the group grew, mom's room became too small. They were given the library to use as their "little" group of prayer warriors grew from two to twenty-five faithful members. The prayer group held a memorial service for mom, to give testimony to all that the Lord had done in their lives through the life of His faithful servant. They have committed to continue

meeting every week in order to pray for Rafiki and for the Lord's work through us.

During the early part of August we enjoyed a visit from the Rafiki Home Office staff. The mothers-in-training took great pleasure in using their new English and social graces skills to introduce themselves.

They also recited Psalm 23 from memory and sang "The Love of God" in Kinyarwanda and English. This is quite an accomplishment for ladies who spoke very little English less than four months before.



PATTY (CHILDCARE PROGRAM DIRECTOR) WITH KAREN ELLIOT (DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN OPERATIONS) AND OUR MOTHERS-IN-TRAINING



ROSEMARY WITH REDEMPTA AND JOY

I know you always enjoy hearing the little stories about how our future Rafiki Mothers are doing in their training. The other day while Patty was reviewing vocabulary, she asked the mothers-in-training, "Is praying before meals appropriate or inappropriate?" She was surprised when one on the mothers-in-training answered "inappropriate." When she asked her to explain, she realized that the Mother thought she said "playing" rather than "praying." The letters R and L are interchangeable in Kinyarwanda, thus, the confusion. They all had a good giggle while agreeing that praying before a meal is quite appropriate.



DINING HALL

Construction on the dining hall/kitchen and laundry is progressing well; however, it will still be quite some time before we are able to use it. In the mean time, our Guest House is finally ready, and we have moved the Rafiki kitchen and dining hall there. I am grateful to Tim and Patty who were very patient and gracious in allowing me to use their kitchen in order to feed the mothers-in-training from April until now.

Praises:

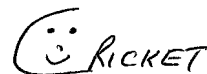
- For the completion of the Guest House
- For the progress being made by the mothers-in-training in their English and childcare studies
- For permission given by Rafiki Home Office to begin the paperwork needed in order to bring our first orphaned children to the Village
- For the good health of all on the Village

Prayer Requests:

- For all the paperwork needed to bring the first children home to Rafiki to be completed and accepted by the government
- For the protection of the children who will soon be calling Rafiki "home"
- For successful completion of the initial instruction for the mothers-in-training
- For our mothers-in-training to grasp the vision of Rafiki
- For safety, accuracy, and integrity for all the workers and contractors

Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support. I am blessed to be able to serve the Lord in Rwanda because of your giving to the Lord's work.

In Jesus' love and for His glory,

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