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“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: . . . a time to plant and a time to uproot” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2b).



THE NEW RAFIKI VILLAGE IN ETHIOPIA

Christmas greetings from Uganda!

This will be my fifth and last Christmas season in Uganda. As King Solomon poignantly wrote, there is a time to plant and a time to uproot. In the three terms I have served God under the Rafiki banner, I have been privileged to spend eight months in Madagascar, followed by five plus years in Uganda—participating in the planting of many projects and seeing phenomenal growth here at Rafiki Uganda.

Now, as I am looking to begin my fourth term, it is time to uproot. Rosemary Jensen has asked me to go to Ethiopia where the Rafiki Village has just finished construction and will begin to take children in 2009. While leaving Uganda will be bittersweet, I am looking forward to the challenge of working in a new country. At present, there are two couples, the Dulanys and the Ritters, both with school-aged children, who comprise the Rafiki team in Ethiopia. I will visit them in December during our Christmas school break to get a feel for the next mission to which God is calling me. Going from full-time teaching at a school that has over 140 students to being involved in a budding project-in-progress will be a resounding change, but one that I anticipate with joy.

Community Medical Clinic

Many local people were served at our third Rafiki medical clinic in late September. My son, Eric, who is a pediatrician, took time away from his family and practice to come to Uganda to help Tyler Anderson, our ROS medical provider. Over 800 local people were seen at the 8 day clinic. The

next medical clinic will be in March 2009. We are still looking for one or two medical providers to help with this clinic. Contact Susy at Home Office if you would like to be a part of this ministry.



ERIC CHATTING WITH LOCAL PATIENTS.

Thanksgiving at Rafiki Uganda

Life at the Uganda Village is enlivened by our resident family, the Andersons. They hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for our team and two MiniMissionaries. Anderson kids, Josiah and Keidi, got into the Thanksgiving spirit making Indian and Pilgrim head-dresses for the invited guests and reading Scripture passages. The two youngest Andersons, Maggie and Clara, just enjoyed the camaraderie. Take a peek at the hilarity and fellowship we had during this special evening.



CLARA ANDERSON AND AUNTIE JOANN



THE UGANDA "TEAM": LEFT TO RIGHT: MIKE AND CAROLYN ENIS; TYLER AND KIM ANDERSON WITH JOSIAH, KEIDI, AND MAGGIE; STU AND MARSHA COINER; (TOP) MAGGIE DAHLMAN AND ANDREA DiBARTOLOMEO, AND ME WITH CLARA.



AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Furlough in the United States

Between the time I leave Uganda and before I begin my new assignment, I will be back in the United States for a sabbatical/furlough in April, May, and June. This time home, I plan to have more time to spend with my family, but I will also be scheduling visits to see supporters and churches, plus seeking opportunities to share

about Rafiki's ministry with new churches and groups. I'd love to visit you and share with you, wherever you are. *Please be praying about the possibility of my visiting you.* I'll start planning my itinerary after Christmas, so it's not too early to be thinking about dates that will work with your schedules.

I thank you for your prayers, support, and interest in Rafiki's ministry in Africa. In these difficult economic times, I know that people are struggling financially. However, my prayer is that you will feel that your investment in my ministry has born fruit and you will continue to partner with Rafiki and me for my fourth term of 2009 – 2010.

Praises

- Rafiki Uganda now has ninety-five resident children and over forty day students.
- For the 2009 school year, over 100 local children applied for the forty-four new positions that will be available in our day school.
- Rafiki is sending a new couple, Nancy and Art Ballman, to Uganda in January 2009.

Please pray for:

- Wisdom for Headmistress Marsha Coiner as she chooses the local students to join our school program in 2009.
- An economical solution to moving my household goods to Ethiopia.
- Good team relationships, both in Uganda and in Ethiopia.
- Many churches and individuals to invite me to speak about Rafiki when I am home in the U.S. in the spring of 2009.
- Full funding before my new term begins. I will have additional expenses because of the move to Ethiopia. At last count, I was about 33% funded for my 2009-2010 term.

Praise God for all He has done through Rafiki and is continuing to do. What a privilege it is for me to be a small part of this ministry.

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