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"... Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. . . He called out to them 'friends haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. He said, 'throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' . . . When they landed (on shore near Jesus), they saw a fire burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread . . . Jesus said to them, 'come and have breakfast.' . . This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead" (Excerpts from John 21:1-14).

As the Scriptures above depict, not only is Jesus able to fill the net so full that the disciples were not able to haul them in, He also provided more fish for the meal. These last three months feel the same for me. I have seen the Lord provide again and again. Let me share a few stories with you.

You have prayed for safety on the road for many months, years, now. This last month I engaged a driver, James, to take me to school every day. He has a desire to do well as a driver. And I need a driver to save my energy for teaching at the *Rafiki Academy*. So it works for both of us.

Now, driving in Ghana is unlike America. There are so many children in the streets selling items at busy intersections. They sell to get food to eat or fees to go to school. One of my biggest fears has been hitting a person with my car.

Just this week while James was driving, he was approaching an intersection and out from the right ran a ten-year-old girl, named Beatrice. She ran right in front of the car, and James slammed on the brakes. By the grace of God the car did not go over her, but it did hit her. As I got out of the car to see the result, many Ghanaians gathered round and confronted me. I could see she was standing. Then I realized she was not bleeding. She was crying. She was scared. And she was walking!!! Thank you Lord! We took Beatrice to the nearest clinic for examination and treatment. The doctor could not see any signs of concussion. I was so grateful to be able to take her to her house with this report. God has not only provided the driver but also one that is very cautious.

I have prayed over the last year that God would show me a way beyond BSF and Rafiki to share the gospel with others. One way that

children in Ghana hear the gospel is through a neighborhood "Good News Club." After moving into this house a year ago, I prayed that God would show me His will for my time and resources. Then, in the last months of 2002 I met Ruth, a missionary with SIM. She, too, has a heart for children and mentioned it to me.

For the last ten weeks, Ruth and I have been singing songs, sharing Bible stories, and teaching Scripture verses to twenty children in her neighborhood each Tuesday afternoon. I am so grateful for Ruth's friendship and desire to provide the club.

The children love it! In the last weeks, I saw the face of one little boy, Dennis, light up with joy. I watched the expression on his face as he memorized Scriptures that explain the Good News of Jesus. It was obvious he began to understand that all he had to do was "**confess with (his) mouth that 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in (his) heart that God raised (Jesus) from the dead, and he (would) be saved**" from "**the wages of sin**" (Romans 10:9, 6:23). Our Lord not only provides the salvation but draws us to Himself as well. It was wonderful to see Dennis get excited about salvation through Jesus and extra special to observe that Mavis, the Muslim woman who gathered the children together on our behalf, was hearing the Gospel as well.

You have prayed for my work in BSF as the children's area coordinator (CAC) for three years now. As I wrote in my last letter, we finished our visits to classes in West Africa for the study of *John*. With these visits the West Africa Area Team has completed nine or ten different journeys to Nigeria over the past three years. That adds up to at least fifty airplane flights and plenty of long drives on Nigerian highways. God has provided for safe travel each and every time.

I was able to attend each CAC briefing. And even with the realities of fuel shortages and flight delays, I attended each area workshop, BSF class, and leaders' meeting we hoped to see. There was only one leaders' meeting out of forty-five that we missed. I never spent the night without a bed. I received many generous, home-cooked meals as a dinner guest. And I will always be grateful for a very faithful driver in Lagos, named Awo. I would trust my life to him and did many times.

While the Lord provided so many BSF people in Nigeria to take care of my needs, in addition to that He even provided a place in a stranger's home in Lagos one night when I was stranded in the airport at midnight. They made a bed for me at 1 A.M. and provided a driver the next day to the airport! His provision has been so great and the experience of serving the children's supervisors is beyond words. **"The Lord's judgments are unsearchable and his paths beyond tracing out!"** (Romans 11:33b).

This chapter of my life, serving as CAC for West Africa, has come to a close. It has been a time of abundant provision—more than can be described in this newsletter. I will always be grateful to the *Rafiki* Foundation for allowing me to take the time to serve God in this way.

As a *Rafiki* staff group we have prayed for the latest community clinic at the *Rafiki* Village in Ghana. We prayed for opportunities to show God's love to others and give glory to Him. The latest community clinic at the *Rafiki* Village is a testimony of God's provision. 1,744 patients were seen in eight days. The medicines needed did not run out. Four MiniMissionaries came from the U.S. as a medical team to serve the Lord. There were at least eight Ghanaian volunteers who translated and shared the Gospel. I understand there were sixteen people who prayed to receive Christ while waiting to see a doctor. It was a joy to watch those volunteers come alongside to share the gospel and facilitate the clinic.

It is my prayer that these stories give you as much excitement about God's provision as it does for me. He answers our prayers far more abundantly than we can ask or imagine. Thank you for praying along with us in Ghana. Please come and be a part of the work here.

For future prayer

- Please pray for me to see and understand God's will for my life each and every day.
- Please pray for my prayer time to deepen and increase.
- Please pray that each of the mothers, children, and staff at the *Rafiki* Village in Ghana grow in their love for the Lord and see His abundant provision in their lives.
- There are two families coming to serve in Ghana, the Dulany's and the Kelly's. Please pray for their preparation as they come to Ghana.
- Please join me in praising God for all He has done.

We have another month of school at the *Rafiki* Academy then we will break until a new term begins in August, so there will be more e-mail prayer requests to come from this corner of the world. Thank you for being a part of what makes it all possible.

With love in Christ,



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