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Happy September from all of us in Mzuzu!

While many in the United States are focused on "Back to School," here in Mzuzu at the Rafiki Girls' Center we are just finishing another school semester. In three weeks our first-semester students will complete the first six months of their three-year training. "Whew (one of the interjections the girls are still learning to use), we made it," is what some of them are saying as the term comes to a close. It has been a delight to spend so much time with the first-semester girls.

I have been teaching first-semester English since April. Each morning we begin our time together at 8:30 and follow the same format. We spend time on spelling words/vocabulary, the different parts of speech, and reading comprehension using written questions and answers while studying the book of John in the Bible. The girls were each given their own Bible to use in English class. As time goes by, they have come to know more and more about Jesus and God while studying English through the Bible.

Here is a sample of some of the application questions and their answers:

## ***What has Jesus given you that you did not expect?***

Brenda: "To live until 2004."

Sokwa: "To be healed of asthma. God is a miraculous God. He is the one who provides everything."

Sarah: "I didn't expect to have a Bible."

Elvin: "To have a mom after my mom died."

Lekani: "To have money from my uncle."

## ***What have you learned about Jesus that you would like to share with others?***

Sokwa: "Jesus is the One who loves us."

Lekani: "Jesus gives us living water."

Brenda: "Jesus causes everyone to have a response to Him."

Noliana: "Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life."

Linda: "When we believe in Jesus we will have eternal life."

Tamala: "I can have many sins, but if I confess them Jesus will forgive me."

Elvin: "If I believe in Jesus I will not be condemned."

## ***What new things has Jesus helped you to understand?***

Sokwa: "Jesus is the bread of life. A man cannot live only with food, but with the words of God."

Elvin: "I will never get thirsty again. I want no more because Jesus is the living bread and living water."

Lekani: "He is the Son of God and has come to save my life."

Tamala: "Jesus was healing and actually doing miracles in the past."

Noliana: "I worship Jesus because He is the Son of God."

I have seen God open their eyes, hearts, and minds. One student named Linda asked me to pray with her one morning. She said, "Madame, I want to receive Jesus." Wow! What a special moment. Linda invited another first-semester student named Sokwa to join us in prayer. When I asked Sokwa what she wanted to say to

Linda after we prayed she said, "Now you must put your old ways behind you." Sokwa is a very wise young woman. Linda has been beaming ever since that morning.

What a privilege it is to be used by God this way, and, I thank Him for using you as His tool to sustain me here. Your prayers and generous giving make it all possible. I thank all of you because I have just learned that I am 100% funded for the next two years. This is wonderful news for many reasons. Soon I will be coming to the United States. I look forward to thanking many of you in person during Christmas and on into the New Year. As it gets closer, I hope to plan some presentations to share more with you about the entire Rafiki Village Malawi. If you have ideas about times and places please don't hesitate to say so. In the past I have been blessed with the assistance of Candy Hall to coordinate these meetings. I will share more details about planning my visit after I exchange e-mails with her.

October 1<sup>st</sup> will be our "Back to School" in Mzuzu. Please join us in praying for:

- Daily attendance and solid learning by the nineteen girls in the Rafiki Girls' Center.
- Continued successful building at the Rafiki Village Malawi.
- God to enable these nineteen girls to complete the three-year program they have started.

With love in Christ,



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