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“Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan [into the promised land]” (Joshua 3:17).

Dear family and friends,

One of the best parts of serving with Rafiki is the Rafiki Bible Study we do each week. The entire Village, including the teachers in the school, the cooks in the kitchen, the grounds keepers, the security staff, the children, and their care takers are all studying the same passages each week, in different venues. We all sing the same hymn, too. The study started at “the beginning” with Genesis two years ago, or so. When we arrived in Liberia the study was in Leviticus in January 2008. A number of Psalms are sprinkled in along the way, as well. It is a daily blessing!

Joshua

Currently we are studying Joshua, and the Israelites have just passed through the Jordan and celebrated Passover when they entered the Promised Land. No more wandering in the wilderness! Tarry has been teaching Bible stories in the school. The Israelites have been camped out at the Jordan, receiving instructions, and waiting to cross the river since October! Tarry used plastic bears sitting by an imaginary river, looking onto the Promised Land for the last four months. And finally, the Israelites crossed over the river this week!

One of the richest parts of studying God’s Word is applying it to our lives. It has been helpful to remember the promises God made to each of us and recall how He has fulfilled them in each of our lives. The Israelites are good role models as they were thankful to leave the past behind and move ahead into all that God promised. It is the knowledge that we serve a promise-keeping God which makes it possible to follow and trust God to lead.

Deputation

As we enter into the second year of our first term together, it’s time to come and spend time with you, our supporters and loved ones. We have so many **experiences to share**. The Rafiki Village Liberia is still in its beginning stages but growing each day. We want to show you the way the landscape has changed, how the children have changed, and most importantly try to share what God is doing in the lives being touched by God through Rafiki in Liberia.

Nelson’s Rafiki Presentations in April

- San Diego – April 8, The Judds
kjudd@pacbell.net, Keli Judd
- Santa Barbara – April 14, Meta Clow and Co.
cricetrax@yahoo.com, Meta Clow
- Tracy – April 16, The Carrigans
carrigan4@sbcglobal.net, Suzanne Carrigan
- San Jose, West Valley Presbyterian Church – April 19
- Pleasanton – April 20, The Sullivans
geri@sullivans.com, Geri Sullivan
- Concord – TBD, The Byrnes
carolynbyrne@juno.com, Carolyn Byrne
- Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Oakland – April 26
cindy@techsoln.com, Cindy Andresen
- Brea, TBD, the Farmers – Laura Farmer

If you would like more information about one of these events, please send a message to the e-mail address above. Please put the word “RAFIKI” in the subject line just in case your message goes to the SPAM folder of the recipient. That way your inquiry will not be missed and we will surely get to see you. We thank the churches, groups, and families above who have agreed to host an event for us. We look forward to sharing some of what God is doing through Rafiki Village Liberia.

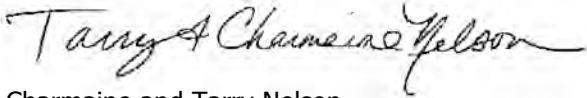


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Liberia.

It has been an experience to get to know and slowly understand what it means to be an *Americo-Liberian* and watch the people of Liberia rebuild their country even in these last twelve months. The progress on the roads and rebuilding is very encouraging. Come and see—either at one of the presentations, or come to Liberia! We hope you will join us as a MiniMissionary someday soon, or a long-term ROS missionary. You never know just how God can use all that He has already put into you.

With love in Christ,



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