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*“Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us.”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me” (Isaiah 6:8 NIV).*

Dear Family and Friends,

Well, we’ve hit the ground running! Hopefully by now most of you are getting over the shock—we really are going to serve in Africa! You’ve tried to ward us off with your images of starving children, fear of deadly snakes, horrible disease, wonders of our living in huts with dirt floors—we’ve heard it all! But, our hearts still say, “Here we are—send us Lord.” He is greater than any fear we could ever have and wow, how we’ve been blessed by your prayers, support, and encouragement! Thanks to each of you who have donated support, committed to a pledge, or have been faithful in praying for us.

This excitement reminds us daily of why we are headed to Africa. Rafiki Villages are receiving new children into their orphanages, and teen girls and boys into their vocational schools. With five Villages in operation and five under construction, our job is ready and waiting for us! One Village just began receiving children. An eleven-month-old set of twins arrived and within one week they were sleeping through the night, eating well, talking, and even trying to walk! In another Rafiki Village, a group of girls graduated from their three-year vocational school—confident in themselves and ready to serve the Lord and their country now with skills and the education to make a difference. We are ready and count it a privilege to know we are going to be a part of an incredible mission.

Many of you have asked how you can help “send” us and share in our journey. Here’s how:

Prayer Support: We send prayer needs/praises every few weeks. If you would like to be on that e-mail list, please e-mail us at rolibbie@yahoo.com.

Coffees have started and we are loving them! “Coffees” are small groups of your friends, church, home or work groups, who invite us to come and share at your house about Rafiki and the work we will be doing. This is such an enjoyable way for us to meet new people and let them know how they can partner with us through prayer and/or financial support. We are willing to drive just about anywhere in Texas (and maybe further) to share with your group!

Finances: Cash donations and monthly pledges help us get closer each month to leaving for Africa. A huge thanks to each of you who have made donations commitments already—it’s overwhelming! If you are going to pledge a monthly commitment that will begin when we leave, please send that advance committed pledge and indicate when you plan to begin. By doing that now, it will actually count towards our goal ahead of time. Be sure all checks and/pledges have our name and Unit #172 on them.

We see the Lord doing amazing things in our lives as He moves us in His direction. We have sold our house and moved into an apartment (note new address/phone number). Daily we receive encouragement and support from many people. We feel such a peace and know God has an amazing purpose and plan for us in Africa. *Please continue praying for us.* Bless you for sharing in this wonderful time of challenge and growth for us – we are truly being stretched and our faith is feeling it!

Blessings and Love,

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