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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,

It is with joy and humility that I inform you all of my imminent departure to Kenya. God has opened the door which will allow me to leave the United States on February 1, to spend my initial two-year term on the Rafiki Village, located in Nairobi. My joy not only comes from the anticipation of being in a land that I love and have missed, but that I will be serving my Lord; who in choosing and providing for me in such a way has filled me with humility. **"Who am I, that You have brought me this far?"** (1 Chronicles 17:16).

This blessing is bittersweet for me; missing weddings, new babies, and other special occasions of those closest to my heart leaves an ache, but God has promised to fill my heart with His joy at the special occasions important to Him at the Rafiki Village Kenya. Hearing a song about Jesus on the lips of a child who wouldn't speak before, seeing a boy run who couldn't walk before, and hugging a girl who was afraid to let anyone touch her before. How awesome it is that God has chosen me for this time and place.

As I prepare to leave, I ask you all to keep me in prayer. *Please pray for a safe journey, pray that my work permit is issued quickly so that all my things may be shipped over in a timely manner, pray for the young teens I will be teaching at the Rafiki school; and pray for me, as it will be the first time in almost five years that I will be stepping back into the classroom.*

Thank you to each and every one of you, who in your own way has supported me either in finances, prayer, or in opening your home to me. Thank you to the people who love me and love God enough to release me to His will. It is a great encouragement for me to know that such a wonderful group of people are supporting and praying for me.

As I learn more specific details, I will be posting information on my mission blog at <http://missionaryliz.livejournal.com>. My e-mail contact will remain the same, however my phone number will be turned off once I leave. I will update you with a new mailing address (Please send mail often!) and phone number in my next correspondence—from Kenya! God bless you all in this New Year.

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