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My goodness it is December, and I am a week away from stepping onto a plane that will carry me across the world to see you again. How my heart longs to see you all. Your faithfulness and loving concern are making a world of difference in the lives of hundreds, and soon thousands, in Nigeria and throughout Africa.

You really must believe me that God is orchestrating the affairs of our work here in miraculous ways. We have experienced miracles as God has grounded planes until our paper work was passed by government officials, tribal prejudices melted away as our students worked and studied together in classes, teams of men gathered at midnight to build before daylight (without pay) what they were hired to build (for pay) the following day. We have each had our lives spared and protected many times and seen our efforts to give glory to God multiplied. You have all been a part of it. Acts of faith on your part have supported this distant work. You aren't here to see the lives change and the hopes rise, but you continue to trust God with your prayers, finances, and encouragement.

Let me share with you the words of a student in prayer.

"Lord, I praise and worship you because you are worthy to be praised. Lord, thank you for leaving me among the living ones. Thank you for the ones who make many sacrifices so I can be here at Rafiki. Before Rafiki, I did nothing and had no hope. Lord, I trust you to help me by showing me what you want me to be in the future, and so by providing all my need."

Is this, too, not a miracle? That God will use the faith of a child to humble our sophisticated hearts. That we would be jealous for the kind of faith of someone who has so little.

In anticipation of our visits, let me share with you pictures of new life in Nigeria.



PREVIOUSLY ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN OUT FOR A WALK WITH THEIR NEW RAFIKI MOTHERS.



PREVIOUSLY SHY VULNERABLE TEEN GIRLS COSTUMED AND PERFORMING A DRAMA OF A BIBLE STORY.



PREVIOUSLY UNSKILLED POOR TEENAGE GIRLS MODELING THEIR NEW GARMENTS MADE WITHOUT PATTERNS, BUT WITH AFRICAN FREE-HAND TAILORING TECHNIQUES.



PREVIOUSLY EMPTY LIVING ROOM FOR ONE (ME) FILLED WITH LADIES FOR A BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING.



PREVIOUSLY A MOTHER WITH GROWN CHILDREN FEELING UNDERUSED AND SELF INDULGENT, NOW TEACHING, MENTORING AND DIRECTING ACTIVITIES AT RAFIKI GIRLS' CENTER, JOS.

There definitely is new life springing up, in, and around the Rafiki Training Village. Construction is beginning on the Satellite Village at another location where the Nigerians will begin their own Rafiki Satellite Village. They will come to stay with us here in Jos to receive training and then return to their own sites to:

- Keep orphans and vulnerable teens alive and healthy through instruction for good lifetime health habits and HIV/AIDS free lifestyles.
- Lead the orphans and teens into a knowledge of God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, teaching them principles of godly living as outlined in Scripture and provide opportunities for them in education, social and vocational training.

Many of you asked me what we had planned for boys in the community. It is amazing that when I arrived last year, the ground had just

been broken for the first Rafiki Boys' Center. Now we have ten young men there learning construction, carpentry, general repairs, auto mechanics, as well as English, health and hygiene, and cooking. The progress is unheard of in these parts. It is all the more a testimony to the miracles that I spoke of earlier.

As the year comes to a close and we plan our end of the year thanksgiving, let's remember all that God is doing here with your support and prayers and rejoice!

A great New Year's resolution would be for us to continue to make a difference in the lives of thousands through Rafiki. You can continue to send others and plan a trip as a volunteer in 2006 to come join us and see first hand! It will be a life-changing experience for you, too!

Lastly, I want to make sure we have a chance to see each other during my visit. We have plans for a "Rafiki Night" in Grass Valley. Calvary Bible Church has offered to let us meet again in the Church Hall. Please mark your calendar for January 10, Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30. Come and enjoy dessert and purchase products from the Rafiki Exchange from our centers in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Malawi. There will be pictures, stories, and more. All proceeds will be used to help support the Rafiki Girls' Vocational Training Center where I am director.

May God be your refuge, your help, and your hope in each coming day.

A blessed Christmas to all! Thank you for all that you do for others!

Love,

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