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*“That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—
this is the gift of God” (Ecclesiastes 3:13 NIV).*

Greetings dear loved ones!

Do you count the bare necessities as gifts from God? Are you satisfied in all your work? I pray that you are healthy and fulfilled in all your toil! Here in East Africa the land is being prepared for sowing. Driving into town, one can see a young boy walking behind two cows yoked to a “plow,” donkeys laden with plastic jugs of water, children with hoes weeding the fields, and women carrying sticks and grass on their heads. Some farmers rent a tractor with three discs to till their fields. Soon the rains will come and then our Village will be surrounded by maize and sunflowers. Satisfying the basic needs of food and water is what drives daily life here in Moshi. Showing forth the Bread of Life and Living Water is what demonstrates our hope in eternal life in the hereafter. One blessing of living here is that you become more aware of God’s daily provisions. Another is the precious gift of finding satisfaction in the work. Thank you for enabling the work to continue here with your prayers, gifts, and love.

The weeks since the last newsletter have seen us say “hello” and “good-bye.” We have said “good-bye” to Justin, one of the first children that came to be with us. His biological mother and grandmother returned to Moshi and they are now a family. While it was extremely hard to see him go, we trust God is keeping him. *Please pray for Justin and his family.* The picture below is of Justin and his grandmother when she came to visit him at the Village.



We have had to say “good-bye” to Brad, Jesi, and Tori Evans as they returned to Colorado. They were a tremendous blessing to the people here and are surely missed. *Please pray for Jesi’s health and for her family as her father has cancer. Please pray for God to send more Rafiki Overseas Staff to our Village. Please pray for the four us (Deb Nederhoed, Mabel and Tim Koop) to multi-task!* The picture below shows our Village family saying farewell to the Evans.



We have said “hello” to our newest orphan, Beatrice. Her big dimples and bright eyes are a delight! She loves school and is very smart! *Please pray that she will continue to adjust quickly to her new family and that her English skills will continue to blossom.*





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The four-year-old preschool class wants to say "hello" to you! They love playing with bubbles and work really hard at catching them on their wands. Surely, this is finding satisfaction in all their "toil!"

I will be coming to the States this summer for deputation for my next two years of service and for training at Rafiki Home Office. Please let me know if I can schedule a time to share with you what God is doing in Africa. I am eager to speak with all of my supporters, so please indicate via e-mail when in late May or June that I can meet with you. *Please pray for the plans to come together, as I want to visit several states.*

Your partnership and support are a tremendous blessing to us! I humbly thank you for your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and encouraging communications. You are God's vessel to allow us to find satisfaction in all our toil.

Love,

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