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“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge”
(Proverbs 23:12 NIV).

Greetings loved ones!

While you are heading into autumn and starting the new school year, we are heading into summer and finishing our third term of the school year. I hope you enjoy reading how our students are applying their hearts and ears.

We have been studying 1 and 2 Samuel in the Rafiki Bible Study. Here are some of the applications the students have made:

When King Saul threw his spear at David as David was playing the harp, James said, “King Saul not get a sticker [reward for following the rules]. He not respect others.” “Respect others” is one of the rules for preschool.

When King David’s men were captured and had half their beards shaved off and part of their clothes cut off to make fun of them, Neema said, “That was not good manners!” We were learning about manners and working together in preschool.

When the Junior High class was asked to describe how the Ark of the Covenant pictured the work of Jesus Christ, Jackiline wrote: “. . .they used animals’ blood to satisfy God’s wrath when they sinned and this was done by the priests. Jesus Christ saved us from God’s wrath. He died on the cross and His blood washed us. Now we can stand before the Lord through Jesus’ righteousness.”

Wema wrote: “The ark was the picture of Jesus because when the Israelites needed to ask God for forgiveness, the High Priest sprinkled blood between the two cherubim to settle the Lord’s anger. Jesus also settled the Lord’s anger when He shed [shed] His blood on the cross so that we can be forgiven. He took God’s wrath to Himself and brought forgiveness and salvation to us.”

We have been learning about the color white in preschool. The children were encouraged to point out white things during the day. During music time we were singing “Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes.” As I bent down to touch my toes, Beatrice, Irene, and Neema shouted in unison, “Teacher I see white under your hair!” And to think, we call it grey! Speaking of hair, Beatrice loves her long orange hair.



BEATRICE



KELVIN LEARNS BLACK, WHITE, RED, AND YELLOW.

The pre-primary class took a field trip to visit a grocery store, the post office, a restaurant, and the local market.



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): LWISE MASSAWE, PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT; JOANN NEAL, (ROS) TEACHER, DEB NEDERHOED, (ROS) VILLAGE DIRECTOR, AND MINIMMISSIONARY, CAROL. FRONT ROW: ADELLA, MAURIN, ANETH, CHRISTINA, JOHN, AND FRANK.



CHRISTINA, ANETH, AND JOHN READY TO GO!



EXPLORING THE GROCERY STORE

After the field trip, Frank asked, "Where can I buy a bike?" Frank is a clever boy and has outgrown the smaller bike at the Village. We were able to purchase a bike for the "bigger" children, and we are starting construction of the playground. Funds are still needed.

Our first Rafiki Bible Study training seminar will be held September 20 – 23. We will instruct four "trainers" of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on how to use the Rafiki Bible Study in their schools. *Please pray that each trainer will be able to make application from what they learn in order to train their teachers and put God's Word at work in schools across Tanzania!*

Praise and prayer:

- We praise God for our fourteen resident orphans and our sixteen junior high day-students.
- Please pray for God to send more Rafiki Mothers so we can take more orphans that are already identified as potentials.
- We praise God that the official paperwork was received for each of the day-students to sit for their National Qualifying Test on October 9.
- Please pray for them to apply what they have learned as they take the exam.
- Please ask God to send more teachers who are able to train our students to apply their hearts to instruction and their ears to words of knowledge.
- Please pray for the health of each person here.

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers!

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