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***All the days won't always be sunny,  
the weather won't continuously be fair,  
but one thing I do know is that  
my Jesus will forever be there***

—original poem by an eighth grade Rafiki Liberia student

Dear friends and family,

After packing my bags at the end of August and saying goodbye to my family and friends, I boarded a plane for Liberia. Thanks to the Lord's provision and your faithful prayers, my travels were safe and uneventful. As I made this journey, I clung to the words of the hymn "*How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord.*" The hymn promises that Christ will "never, no never, no never forsake" His people. That same sentiment is expressed in the original poem a resident student in Liberia wrote me as a farewell gift. She knows that her "Jesus will forever be there" in every circumstance. *Please join me as I pray that every Rafiki child comes to find comfort in God's sovereignty and abiding love.*

I spent one month at the Rafiki Village Liberia, and what a blessed introduction to Rafiki Village life it was! Soon after my arrival, I had the opportunity to help the resident young men plant over one hundred palm trees! As the day went on and the sun's heat intensified, I learned the boys' names and personalities—some were directing others, some put their heads down and worked quietly, and some sang songs or told jokes as they dug holes in the ground. In a few years, the palm grove will bless the Village with beauty, and the students will witness the fruit of their hard work. I also had the privilege of tutoring students in the school and teaching language arts and literature classes. My time in the classroom studying grammar and great works of literature with the students was sweet, and I thank the Lord for the

wonderful curriculum Rafiki has created for its teachers and students. *I pray the students there continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.*



The oldest girls cottage in Liberia  
(not socially distanced because they live together)

Before I knew it, it was time for the next adventure! Ghana opened its borders to international travel while I was in Liberia, and I flew into Accra on October 1.



Goodbye notes from the children in Liberia

A few COVID tests later, I was learning new names and getting settled into my new home in Ghana. The Friday after I arrived, I got to be a judge at the resident students' arts and music talent show. We have some talented young men and women here! My role in Ghana is "academic coordinator" of the junior and senior high school. I am assisting teachers in language arts classrooms, and will also teach language arts in the senior high. *Will you pray that the students are blessed by and grateful for the quality education they receive at the Village?*



My welcome sign from the children in Ghana



The children in Ghana showing their artwork to the judges

I hope you enjoy seeing the outcome of your prayers and support now that I am on the field, and I look forward to sharing more with you from Ghana!

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