RAFIKI FOUNDATION MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER



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"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8). Dear friends and family,

The past few months have been bittersweet, but the Lord is good. Taste and see some of each with me...

Some of the sweet

- Thanking God that my work permit and residence card were finally renewed.
- Spending time with the Rafiki residents during the school break and facilitating enriching activities such as photography practice.



Some of the younger residents enjoying the opportunity to use digital cameras and see from new perspectives!

- Visiting friends and family last month, including being present for my brother's wedding.
- Enjoying a graduation ceremony and various forms of celebration with our first class of seniors.



Celebrating with our first class of high school graduates!

Some of the bitter

- Saying goodbye to the Rafiki graduates. These first seven students have been godly leaders and diligent students, and everyone at the Village will miss them.
- Saying goodbye to my friend and fellow missionary Sarah McMahon, who was reassigned to the Village in Rwanda.



A celebratory/farewell dinner with the graduates and Sarah.

The graduates led a devotion for the residents and missionaries on their last night at the Village. They focused on the truth of God's faithfulness, demonstrated in their lives and the testimonies of so many in Scripture. In all these changes for me, the graduates, and the Village, God is good and faithful. Blessed are those who take refuge in Him. May we all do so.

Love,

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Prayer Requests

- For the Rafiki graduates
 to trust God to continue
 to provide for them as
 they face the unknowns
 of the future and
 some discouraging
 obstacles. Pray that
 they would place their
 hope fully on Christ and
 take refuge in Him.
- For me personally, as
 Sarah's transfer means
 I have lost the daily
 fellowship of a close friend
 and teammate. Pray for
 provision of a friend, and
 that I would see God's
 goodness every day.
- For Sarah to adjust well to a new country and job responsibilities.