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*“Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD,
have never forsaken those who seek you” (Psalm 9:10).*

Dear Family and Friends,

Something New for Christmas:

We are returning to Texas for a briefing at the Rafiki Home Office the second week in December. We'll be staying in Abilene until January 12th. The girls are so excited about the chance to have Christmas with our Texas family. Sarah is even praying for snow, since she can't remember what it looks like. One of the MiniMissionaries who helped with the community clinic is the Rafiki Representative for Texas and is helping us by coordinating our coffee schedule during this time. If you are interested in hosting a coffee, please contact:

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each day. Every day we would hand out only 150 numbers (even then the clinic wasn't finished until 7 or 8 P.M.). If someone came after that, they were asked to come back the next day (people started coming at 4 A.M. to stand in line). His point was that there is a limit to the time you can wait. Some people waited too long and didn't get admitted at the clinic. Others wait too long and don't get into heaven. No one knows when the last opportunity will be for them or others, so the time to ask Christ into your life is right now. The clinic courtyard held about fifty people, so we set up a TV/VCR with the Jesus film and some Christian children's movies. There were always children present with their mamas, so the TV area was well attended, as well as a section of the sidewalk that was set aside for drawing with chalk.



Carolyn at Community Clinic

Community Clinic News:

On October 3rd we completed our first community clinic. What an overwhelming success! Over 1000 people from the area received care. Our local partner churches came out in force, with more volunteers than needed, and Pastor Wycliffe from the local Anglican Church started each day with a time of worship and devotion. The Pastor gave a devotional about the numbers we gave out to track our patients

One young mama brought her twins in, hoping to simply be given medicine without having to see a doctor. She finally relented and Dan Pope diagnosed her children and gave her medicine. She told him that if the kids didn't get well, she was going to take them to a witch doctor, since she felt her deceased mother-in-law had put a curse on them. Her first-born had already died, and she was going to cover all the bases. Dan explained that there was nothing on earth that could overcome the mighty Name of Jesus, who overcomes illness and saves us from the sickness of the soul called sin. He offered to pray for her family. When she agreed, he and the other nurses gathered around this woman and prayed for her and her kids. She returned the following week to say her kids are fine, and now she was seeking medical treatment for herself!

Doctor Jensen was able to show quite a number of women how to get rid of the chronic pains in their neck and arms that comes from carrying heavy loads on their heads. A very simple traction set-up they can make at home, along with a few exercises would solve their problem, as well as demonstrate to their husbands why the day of having the wife carry all of the heavy things for the family has to come to an

end. It is very common to see a couple walking along, the man carrying nothing but the woman having 20 kilos of stuff on her head.

Dan Pope took one child (very sick with meningitis) to the hospital, who was brought in by his sixteen-year-old mama. She grew up in Mwiki and had never been to Nairobi just a few miles away. That evening Dan took her and her son to Kenyatta National Hospital. The long queue meant she and her child would normally have to sit and wait for hours. Dan went in and urged a doctor to see the child, who was then admitted. We heard this week that the boy is doing fine.

BSF News:

Carolyn has been working with Donna Read and Yeen-Lan Lam with visits to BSF classes and preparations for the Area Retreat. This time, the retreat included BSF classes from South Africa, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya; a total of nineteen classes. Coordinating meals, airline arrangements and local transportation, visa requirements, etc., to place the 560 or so people in two hotels has been a new experience for Carolyn. It has also been an opportunity for her to see God working in the details. When negotiating with the two hotels, the area team was able to get them to commit 563 beds to the retreat. At first this seemed to be not quite as many as needed, causing some concern. As it turned out, after last minute cancellations the number needed was 563. Another nice thing that happened was that the BSF Headquarters staff were able to stay overnight at our Rafiki Village. This gave us the opportunity to help them see what God is doing here.

Rafiki Girls' Center News:

The past few months have brought quite a few changes. The girls' center has taken in six new girls as a new term has started. The 3rd and 2nd term girls have been a great help in making them feel welcome by sharing their uniforms, showing them how to prepare meals, and including everyone in soccer games at break time. The 3rd term girls have really begun showing signs of maturity that we haven't seen before. When they came to this center, it was difficult to get them to say much at all. They didn't have any marketable skills. Their confidence level in class was pretty low. At the end of their 2nd term, it was easy to see how much they have blossomed. During the two weeks of the community clinic they came in even though it was a break from school.

They dressed in their uniforms and volunteered in the clinic each day. One morning, they dressed up by wearing the dresses they had made in sewing class, and gave a fashion show for the patients waiting in the clinic courtyard. Another morning, they led the worship time with songs and a very well presented devotional. Several girls are showing the signs of leadership we have been hoping to see. The 3rd termers have now begun computer class. This is clearly the most exciting and long anticipated learning opportunity they've been given. As they begin the 2nd year of their three-year course, it looks like they are catching a glimpse of the bright future that awaits them, if they will just stay the course.

Village Dedication News:

This coming January 16th will be our Dedication Day, when we will dedicate this Village to the glory and use of Jesus Christ. The patio area will be the venue for the dedication, and is now large enough to hold the approximately 400+ people who will be invited. Planning for the dedication is underway, with the expectation that President Kibaki and First Lady Lucy will attend. There is so much to do, and Doug is beginning each day with the words of Psalm 9:10. We are working towards having the children's center leveled and landscaped, as well as laying 480 meters of pathways.

Construction News:

Construction-wise, Doug has completed renovating the last of the existing houses. Although the children's center kitchen and cottages are a month away from being completed, the other preparations are in place. Five mamas, their assistants, cooks, cleaners, and laundry personnel are trained, nineteen children have been screened and approved, and purchasing for outfitting the cottages and kitchen has been done. Carolyn has been working on the menu while whiteboards and easels are being made for the school, as well as small blackboards for each child to use. It appears everything will be in place by the time the buildings are ready.

Our love to you (our prayer partners and family),

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