November 2006

SIXTEEN NEW CHILDREN AT RAFIKI

Answered Prayers:

• In May of this year, we asked you to pray for another sixteen children to join the fifty-two children that were already making their home with us. We praise God because He has done just that! Sixteen seemed like a random number to pick in May, but nothing is random with God. It was in His perfect plan. Since June, we have added another sixteen children and we now have sixty-eight children calling Rafiki Village their home. Fifty-three of our sixty-eight children are in school. This summer, cottages seven and eight ("Ebenezer" and "Shalom") were opened for two new families. In November, we will open our ninth cottage ("Nazareth"). We now have space for twenty more children.

• We praise God that a new substitute mother was hired. Her name is Rose. We have been training her along with our newest Rafiki Mother, Tancy. Training should be completed in October.

• Dr. Dan Pope completed semi-annual physicals on all of our children. We praise God that our children are in very good health.

• Two of our children had new teeth growing behind other teeth. A local dentist agreed to see these girls for free. Praise God! The dentist has agreed to continue to provide free dental care for our children except for charges for medications used.

• The dryer in the ChildCare Program laundry was inoperable for almost five weeks due to a gas valve coil that melted. Praise God that He enabled Doug to make a temporary fix. We are still looking for a new gas valve coil.

• God is providing a new road to Rafiki Village. It is in process!

• The Boys and Girls Choir of Kenya has volunteered to teach our children drumming, dancing, and song.

BOY'S CHOIR TEACHING DRUMS

• Field trips are being scheduled. The four-year-old class visited the national park and the children are still talking about the animals.

• We praise God for His continued training of the Rafiki staff. This month our training has focused on doing jobs the Rafiki way. This includes doing our jobs with excellence, having joy, being satisfied with our jobs, and

then trusting God with the details. Pray all Rafiki staff adopt this attitude.

RAFIKI VILLAGE KENYA STAFF

FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT: DAN POPE, DOUG KOEPKE, TOM KREAMER, BRANDON holding GLEN BYRD

BACK LEFT TO RIGHT: YEEN-LAN LAM, JANE POPE, CAROLYN KOEPKE, BECKY MILLER, BETSY KREAMER, MELISSA BYRD, AND ROSE ALLINDER

Prayer Requests:
• Pray God sends twenty more children of His choice in His timing.

• Screens for the ChildCare dining hall to be put on soon

• The satellite dish to continue to work and determination of how to get the signal to the entire Village

• Abundant rains so the Rafiki garden will grow an adequate supply of fruits and vegetables

• God's calling to Himself of each person and child who enters Rafiki

• Safety as we travel on the detours while the new road is being constructed

• Quick completion of the new road

• Each teacher in Rafiki's schools to have creativity, sensitivity, and a heart for God as they teach

• For us to be good shepherds to the children God has given us to teach

• The re-registration of Rafiki as a children's home and registration of the Rafiki school to be approved before the end of this year

• God to raise up MiniMissionaries for the medical clinic in November and for GAMES in December 2006

• God's provision of MiniMissionary dentists

• For us to find an effective and economical way of reducing the amount of fluoride in our water; our level is too high and we want to prevent further damage to our children's teeth.

• A gas valve coil to be found so the ChildCare dryer can be properly fixed

• Joy and contentment for all who work at Rafiki

• That we will be good stewards of what God is giving to us

May Christ draw you closer to Himself as we approach the Christmas season.

Love,

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