



RAFIKI

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“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Dear friends and family,

It's time for another update on life at the Rafiki School in Rwanda.

During our last school break, portions of the country were put under lockdown and though we were concerned we would not be able to start school on time or students who were far away would not be able to get back to school, it all worked out okay. I drove three times in one day to Kigali to pick up students at one of the bus stations. I had to get police permission to do this. On the second trip back, we were stopped and questioned by the police because I had two Rafiki moms with me that needed to get back also and only one student. We got through okay. I was nervous and praying fervently for no problems with the police for the third trip in, and God in His faithfulness gave me clear passage.

We were back to school a short time when the government said all schools were closed. Truly, I think we were the only school in the country open because all other schools were on summer break. We prepared a list of to-do projects for the two weeks this was supposed to last. We jumped in with gusto the first day. I had sewing projects underway.



Vicky had students organizing and cleaning one of the curriculum rooms.



Students learned how to prep and cook. Jenn is chopping doddoo for lunch. It's cooked like spinach.



Working on the chicken house.



Fellowshipping in the library after worshipping on a Sunday.



We said, “see you in January” to Sarah as she was preparing to travel to the US to await the birth of her son.



However, after just a few days, we were able to reopen the school.

Two Rafiki moms are continuing in the teacher training program, and our newest Rafiki mother has started the RICE post-graduate program to train to be a teacher.



On Saturdays all Rafiki students come to school and play sports to train in preparation for sports to reopen in the country enabling competition with neighboring schools.



And of course, there are the annual eye check-ups.



The counselor training class I was taking is completed. Here is a view from the location where we met twice a week.



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