



RAFIKI FOUNDATION MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

January 2019 – Melissa Wiedemann

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"
(2 Thessalonians 3:5).

Blessed 2019 everyone!

I trust you had a peaceful and joyful Christmas and your new year has begun with a Christ-filled heart. While packing for Ghana I came across my "Aliens Registration Certificate" from July 14, 2005! It is hard to believe, but I am blessed to be returning.



Please celebrate with me the progress since my October newsletter.

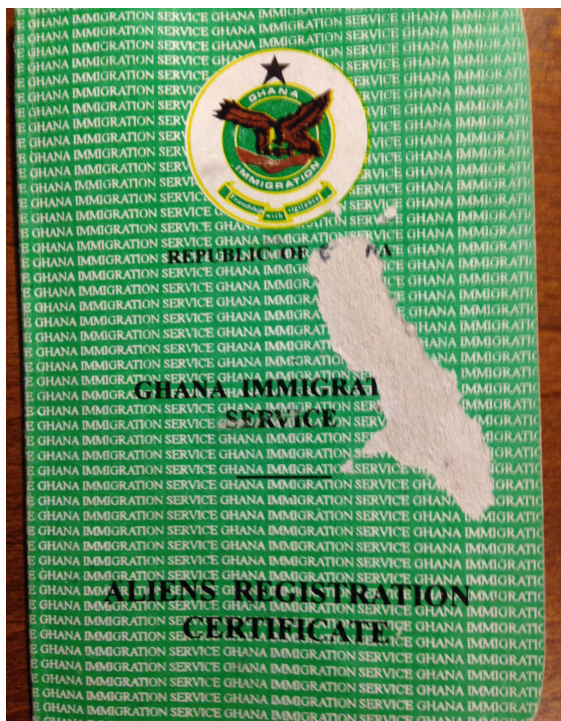
Prayers answered:

- Rejoice! I have a ticket, and arrive in Ghana on January 25, 2019.
- My Ghana visa is secured!
- The training at Rafiki Home Office in December was extremely helpful.

Thank you for your steadfastness. I have been sincerely touched by the outpouring of love, prayers, phone calls, encouragement, and support. I also love the way God reveals His provisions. For example, who would expect to get good news at the dentist? Last week, while sitting in the waiting room, I received a text from a pastor in North Carolina stating they are supporting our work. The dentist did not need to tell me to smile. Another is an email I received one Sunday afternoon when I was feeling unsettled. It stated: "I'm so grateful to tell you our church voted 100% to take you back on as our missionary to Africa!" They had supported me during my first service with Rafiki. It is good to have steadfast friends.

Prayers in the process of being answered:

- Please pray that God will grant me wisdom as I study the curriculum and processes for the Teachers' College. The Home Office staff will be traveling to Rafiki Village Ghana February 20 and 21 in order to finalize the accreditation of the Teacher's College. Please pray that all the meetings will be successful and we can finalize any outstanding items.
- I have also been assigned the role of Headmaster of the schools in Ghana. I cannot fathom how I will do both jobs but God knows all things. Ghana has 217 students in preschool through twelfth grade and thirty teachers. Please pray that I remain steadfast in my reliance on Him, especially that I remain calm and loving.



A reminder of ways to stay in touch:

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I will close with a picture of my newest blessing in Tanzania. Blandina, my daughter in Christ, is expecting her second child in March-April! *Please pray for a healthy pregnancy.*



I am eternally grateful for all of your support and prayers. Until next time...

Love,

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