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“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, ‘God with us’” (Matthew 1:23 NIV).

As the holiday season approaches, we are in awe of all that God has done here and the “God things” we get to see almost daily. We received our 80th child, we saw children trust God while experiencing loss, we dedicated our first Satellite Village and new



OUR EIGHTIETH CHILD, PETER

primary school, we received new team members and said goodbye to others, but most of all we saw God’s goodness to all of us.

We recently received our eightieth child, a beautiful four-year-old boy named Peter. His mother and father died leaving him with no one to care for him.

We very recently lost two of our Rafiki Mothers. The morning after one of our mothers left, We spoke to the boys in Nazareth cottage. They were surprised to hear that their mother was not coming back. We talked about how much God loves them and has always cared for them—about how He would continue to care for them and how we can trust Him. We talked about the mothers who have loved them—their original mother who either died or could not care for them, the mother who cared for them here in their first cottages, and then their most recent mother who loved them but has gone to do something new. We spoke to them about the mother who God will send to care for them next. We also talked about the mother and father who will care for them when they go to Junior Secondary School. When they heard the word father, they got big eyes and said, “You mean like Mr. Tom?” (one of the Rafiki Overseas Staff). Carolyn said, “Yes, we are praying that God will provide a Kenyan couple to come and care for you.” They got very excited about the idea of having a dad to call their own. We all prayed together and they went to breakfast. The boys have continued to have questions, but seem to be taking it well and trusting God.



PRIMARY ONE CLASS AFTER SATELLITE DEDICATION

November 1 was the dedication of the Rafiki Satellite Village in Kikuyu. This Village is being run by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa with Rafiki’s financial oversight and training. Carolyn spent a week training the ChildCare program director and two mothers for this new Village. God has allowed us to continue training them during this time as we wait for his provision of mothers for our Village.



MORRIS AND ROSSLYN STUDENT AT EYE SCREENING

During a recent eye screening by Rosslyn Academy Honor students, six-year-old Kelvin asked, “Do they have to take our eyes out to check them?” This was pretty remarkable trust, as he willingly held Carolyn’s hand on the way to have his eyes “checked.”



RAFIKI KENYA TEAM MEMBERS: FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: CLAIRE AND JOE WITH THEIR MOTHER ANNE CAGWIN, JULIE ELLINGTON, YEEN-LAN LAM, BETSY KREAMER, AND CAROLYN

BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: TIM CAGWIN, CONSTANCE AND JAKE WITH THEIR FATHER TOM KREAMER, AND DOUG WITH OUR DAUGHTER SARAH

All of the ROS came together on Thanksgiving day for a meal and to share for what we are thankful. First, God has given us a wonderful opportunity to serve others and the privilege of bringing eighty children up in the presence of the Lord. We are also thankful for each other and for you, because you have made it possible for us to be here. We have something else to be thankful for—our daughter Jessica is preparing to have a baby in April, and this time God is giving her a girl! Rebecca is back in Abilene and is doing very well at Hardin Simmons. That is a big praise—her transition back into the U.S. while we were back in Africa was a real concern. She will spend Christmas with her grandparents in Abilene for the first time in many years. Although Sarah had to do home schooling for six weeks, she

jumped back into school here and has managed very well—almost straight A's. Doug's dad had successful cataract surgery and is able to see well again.

We returned to Kenya a few days before Tim and Anne Cagwin, our newest team members arrived. Tim is the new Education Program director and his wife Anne is a teacher at the Rafiki School. They have two children, Claire and Joe, who are attending the Rafiki School along with our sixty-three Kenyan children.

Prayer Requests

- Four spiritually mature women to hear God's call to be Rafiki Mothers for His children at Rafiki
- Peaceful elections in December
- Health and strength
- Complete funding for 2008
- Progress for several special needs children
- Strength, joy, and unity as we work together with you doing His work in Kenya.

Love,

*Doug, Carolyn,
Rebecca, Sarah*

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P.S. From the Home Office: The Koepkes are at 82% of the total needed for their current term (January 2007 – December 2008).