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BEST FRIENDS BELIS, MAUREEN, ESTHER, AND SHARRON

Children in our family

When we came to Kenya in October of 2000, we had three daughters and one grandson. Now we have many more children. Over the last six years we have taken seventy-five children and one more grandson into our hearts. We also have eighteen Junior Secondary students to add to our family tree. God has been very gracious to us in our time here.



SARAH HOLDING BABY REBECCA ON ARRIVAL

Sarah has grown spiritually and in stature since our family arrived in Kenya. She is sixteen inches taller and likes to help people. She says she wants to follow in her mom's footsteps. She wants to become a doctor like Dr. Pope someday. When Rebecca's thumb was broken earlier this month Sarah was very interested. She watched Rebecca

with tears running down her face during x-rays and injections of lidocaine. When the doctor pulled and popped the thumb back into position Sarah stopped watching. She doesn't like to watch people in a lot of pain.

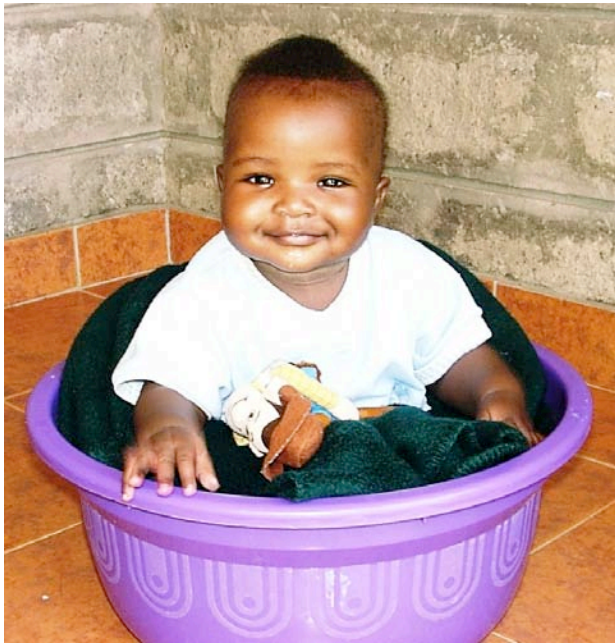


REBECCA READY FOR COLLEGE

for "Hello Dolly." Rebecca has a short part and is singing in the chorus.

In September we asked you to pray for baby Rebecca. We received her at five weeks old and weighing 5.8 pounds. She is now six months old, healthy and happy. Since June, we have added seven more children. We have seventy-five children calling Rafiki Village their home.

Rebecca's thumb is healing very well. She is taking a couple of AP honors courses this year in preparation for University. It's hard to believe she is about ready to leave home. She is planning to attend Hardin-Simmons this fall, so she has been writing applications and essays lately. She is also involved in a play at her school. They are practicing



BABY REBECCA

A transition year for the Junior Secondary school began in January. Doug and three of our MiniMissionaries taught three weeks of art classes to eighteen students. Doug is now training our six boys to make wooden puzzles. *Pray that Doug has energy as he teaches and oversees construction, maintenance, and security.*



JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Praises:

- The satellite dish is sending a signal out to the Village. It can be unpredictable but e-mailing is now much easier.
- Dan Pope is scheduled to return on March 4th to run the community clinic and complete semi-annual physicals on all of the Rafiki children.
- After three-and-a-half years the base coat on the new road to Rafiki Village is complete. Pray that the top coat will be applied soon.
- God has clearly shown His choice of a contractor for the Junior Secondary School building construction and construction is scheduled to begin.

Prayer Requests:

- God's provision of funds for the Koepke family. We are at 45% of what is needed for our current term. We will be home on furlough July 17–September 24. Please contact us if you would like to have us visit and/or speak to your prayer group or Sunday school class.
- God's provision of a full time physician to become an ROS at our Village.
- Good health, protection, and no accidents for all who serve in Rafiki.
- Doug was able to make a temporary fix for the ChildCare Program's dryer. We are still looking for a new a gas valve coil. Pray this is found quickly.
- The amount of fluoride in our water will be reduced. Our level is too high and we want to prevent damage to our children's teeth.

Love,

*Doug, Carolyn,
Rebecca, Sarah*

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