



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23 NIV).*

Dearest Family and Friends,

What a challenging **gift** this 2006! God has been gracious to me these past twelve months. God's answers to the prayers you have offered on behalf of us here at Rafiki Village Ghana have been plentiful. Here are the highlights of our challenges and His answers.

## January...

A fish hook landed in a boy's finger. Dr. Joy removed it with difficulty but no damage.

Twins weighing three pounds, seven ounces and five pounds were born; their mom died giving birth. God gave them the **gift** of life—their history began.

## February

Five days later, twins Diana and Dereck arrived. The day they arrived, our electric water pump broke. Our mothers and older children carried water from the nearby village bore hole. We bought bottled water for the babies' bottles. Now, ten months old, they weigh fifteen and sixteen pounds respectively.



DERECK AND DIANA AT TEN MONTHS

## March

A rare total eclipse of the sun brought many sightseers to Ghana. What a view! We have an

awesome God! We watched with special glasses. What did we watch?



TOTAL ECLIPSE

## April

Our lock-in with all the schoolchildren plus the tiny twins was a huge success. The dining hall was transformed into a gym for games and singing, then a dorm room for a bit of sleeping.

A four-lane highway was completed and opened, cutting our travel time to town significantly.

## May

Construction for the new dining hall/kitchen/laundry and a medical clinic began mid month.

The buildings should be finished and we will be moving in by the end of this year or early 2007.



DINING HALL/KITCHEN/LAUNDRY BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

My third grandson, Griffin, was born May 13 to Ginger and Gabe Garrett. He is their first.

## June

Five weeks of furlough in the U.S.A. with my family and friends was fun but went by too quickly. Thanks for your **gift** of time.

A good friend's life was miraculously healed. To God be the glory!

## July

The second spontaneous combustion laundry fire this year destroyed our commercial size dryer. No one was injured!

## August

John, Celeste, Abby, and Becca (my brother and his family) worked here for two weeks. We have loved hosting thirty-seven MiniMissionaries this year. Maybe the Lord is leading you to come next year.

Rolling blackouts throughout the country began because of a water shortage at the Akosombo Dam. Rafiki was spared these continuing blackouts. The lake level has risen eight feet since August!

## September

We have been praying for national teachers. Two male teachers started this fall. Great news! Rafiki teachers will be teaching a classical Christian curriculum beginning from kindergarten. January 2007 our girls' center will be transformed to a Junior Secondary School. Our seventh-grade children and girls' center girls will be attending this Junior Secondary School (Ghana's identification of Junior High).

## October

Our Rafiki Home Office staff visited to encourage us.

The kitchen freezer was broken for five weeks, but was repaired and is still working.

(The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series!)



INSTALLING NEW  
WATER PUMP

## November

Again, we ran out of water (a precious **gift** here); this time on a Sunday morning. Our water pump had been stolen. But a water pump was found, purchased, and installed by that Friday. Before and after school, our children and mothers carried water

from a nearby village. It was a forty-five minute round trip. No one complained.



JOYFULLY CARRYING WATER

Isaac, five years old and our sixty-first child, was brought to Rafiki by a social welfare worker. All of our children in Rafiki Village Ghana must come through this government agency.

## December

As the year closes, may you find the **gift** of time for resting, reflecting, and rejoicing during the days of Christmas. May God protect you, bless you, and enable you for the year ahead.

## Merry Christmas!

Thanking God for His **gift** of Jesus,

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