



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Family and Friends,

What an exciting and challenging first half of 2006 God has given us! Time has flown by whether we like it or not. Soon I will be home for furlough—time to hear how and what you are doing; time to share how and what Rafiki, the children, and I are doing. Here is a short story of the first half.

January

While I was substituting for the RCC director, our Rafiki School got a new roof after an unusual dry season followed by nighttime rain ruined the inside of the school.

Blessing: New paint on the school's inside and outside looks great.



DIANA, FIVE DAYS OLD, AND ME.

February

Born January 28, twins Diana, three pounds one ounce, and Dereck, five pounds, arrived at Rafiki five days later. Their mother died in childbirth. A "neonatal intensive care unit" was set up in Mama Cecelia's house.

Blessing: Now at four months old, Diana weighs ten pounds one ounce; Dereck weighs twelve pounds. *Pray the twins stay healthy.*



ECLIPSE WATCHING

March

God gave Ghana a once in a lifetime view of a total eclipse of the sun on March 29. Our Rafiki Village had a great viewing place: our soccer field. Equipped with special sunglasses, we watched while it got darker and darker, as after dusk. Birds quit singing and our toddlers inside started crying because "the light shut off." The total darkness only lasted about three minutes but we will remember it for our lifetime.

Blessing: My friend and MiniMissionary, Terri, shared this day and three weeks with me. MiniMissionaries are always welcome here.

April

The Rafiki Girls' Center began the new term with me teaching art to semester three. As these teenagers learn lessons about color wheels and the mechanics of drawing human faces, I am learning along with them.

Blessing: I know how to draw a face and this nurse loves teaching art. *Please pray God will raise up ROS to teach at the Rafiki Children's Center and Rafiki Girls' Center.*



CLOTHES DRYING IN THE SUNSHINE, RAFIKI SCHOOL IN THE BACKGROUND

May

Our clothes dryers were both broken at the same time.

Blessing: God provided daily "sun time" to dry the clothes even though the rainy season is here.

Blessing: I have a third grandson, Griffin Thomas Garrett, born May 13, weighing ten pounds one ounce, twenty-one inches long with

lots of black hair. Parents Ginger and Gabe are tired but doing well in California.

Blessing: Our BSF year studying the book of Genesis has finished. What an example Joseph was of walking by faith despite betrayal, servitude, and imprisonment. He faced all his trials with joy (James 1:2).

June

We are breaking ground on a bigger dining hall, laundry facility, and medical clinic. We hope the buildings will be finished in eighteen months.

Please pray the construction will go safely for the workers. Please pray the registration for the medical clinic will be accomplished in God's perfect timing, so our medical clinics can resume.



CHILDREN AND ADULTS STANDING ON DINING HALL OUTLINE; OUR CURRENT DINING HALL IS IN THE LEFT BACKGROUND.

As I passed my second anniversary in Ghana, I am grateful to God to have the privilege of serving here. What a great opportunity to be part of changing the face of Ghana through these orphaned, now Rafiki children. I am grateful to God for each of you providing prayers and financial support. As I continue here in this work, it gives me great joy to be your hands and feet. Thank you!

I will be in Saint Louis June 24 to July 30.

My schedule thus far:

- July 3-7 Rafiki Headquarters
San Antonio, Texas
- July 7 Rafiki Presentation
Austin, Texas
Contact: Georgi D. 512-345-0202
- July 20 Rafiki Presentation
Eureka, Missouri
Contact: Karen R. 636-938-3495
- July 22 Hope Presby. Church Women
Collinsville, Illinois
Contact: Judy C. 618-628-9764
- July 25 Central Presby. Women's Ministries
Clayton, Missouri
Contact: Ruth C. 636-527-7067

I will be staying with my children: Melinda Schjolberg and Michael Bond.

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