



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“But you (the LORD) do see. . . you have been the helper of the fatherless”*  
(Psalm 10:14 ESV).

Greetings from Ghana’s Graduating Class of 2020:

Rafiki’s kindergarten class of seven girls and two boys is studying Community Helpers—who they are and what they do to help the Village. Madam Anna, the teacher for these nine, took her students on a guided tour of our Village to watch the helpers while they were working. Every day the students had to answer the question, “Who are our helpers?” “How do they help?” These small people toured the Rafiki property, kitchen, laundry, medical clinic, security house, and gate.



ANNA AND STUDENTS

Our maintenance men are strong, handsome, and helpful. Their duties include cutting grass and “bush” on our twenty-five acre land. Rob installs stoves and refrigerators. He oversees the construction of our youth hostel, ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) duplex, and remodeling of our grade school and storage building. Samuel fixes water leaks from our kitchen sinks, cottage sinks, and roofs. He repairs broken beds and fans. Nii focuses on grounds’ maintenance. During the rainy season the grass needs “slashing” with a machete every four days.



ROB, SAMUEL, AND NII

The gate man, Stephen, and our night security guards provide constant watch over us while we work, eat, and sleep. These men also are the first faces that our visitors and employees see when they arrive at our Rafiki Village.



STEPHEN AT THE RAFIKI GATE

The kindergartners toured the kitchen while the cooks were preparing lunch. Our cooks explained how to peel yams or plantain for ninety people. The children were intrigued by the big bags of rice in the storeroom.



NANCY AND THE COOKS: LYDIA, AUNTIE NA, LIZZY

In our dining hall building is our laundry room of two washing machines and two dryers. Every week laundry man Moses washes fifty-nine children's school, church, and play clothes, bed sheets, tablecloths, and about 1300 cloth napkins.



MOSES AND ELIZABETH IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

I have a new assistant. Rafiki Mother Lizzy has moved to food and laundry services coordinator. Now we call her Auntie Elizabeth. She has been in training with me since early April.

The medical clinic tour guide was me! The children had many questions about the weighing scale, eye chart, and measuring tape on the office door. And their eyes got really big when they saw all the medicines in the clinic's pharmacy. After their tour, they sat in my office for question time. They were able to answer, "Why do we wash our hands before we eat, when we cough, after we are done playing?" with the answer, "Because they are dirty and have germs on them."



IN THE PHARMACY

Rafiki has a new Medical Director for its ten Villages—Dr. Elaine Tan, a former ROS in Malawi. She spent several days with us in early June doing physicals on the children and teaching me more "clinic medicine."

As the Kindergarten class finished its lessons on Community Helpers, they were again reminded how God helps them every day. I, too, am reminded and thankful to God for His help on a daily basis. I am SO looking forward to seeing you and sharing stories and pictures.

**My furlough schedule:**

- June 13 Arrive in St. Louis MO, 4:30 P.M.
- June 17 Rafiki talk in Eureka MO, 6:30 P.M.
- June 30 – July 4 Rafiki Home Office, Eustis FL
- July 6 Gethsemane Church, St. Louis MO 10:00 A.M.
- July 8 Rafiki talk in Chesterfield MO 5:30 P.M.
- July 10 Rafiki talk in St. Louis MO 6:30 P.M.
- July 13 Rafiki talk in Creve Coeur MO 3:00 P.M.
- August 1 Leave for Ghana

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God's helping hands in Ghana,

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