



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD” (Psalms 40:3 ESV).*

## New Song

The Lord has put a new song in my mouth, one of hope, one of encouragement, and one of His promises of endurance and faithfulness in His love for us. The reason I have a new song in my mouth has many facets, but it can all be traced back to the salvation given to me by Jesus Christ. He gave us this salvation through His grace and selfless work on the cross, and as a result we become a child of God and become equipped by Him to be a part of His redemptive plan for the world. The part in His plan that I have been called to do is to be in Africa and take care of His disadvantaged vulnerable children. May His name be praised from my mouth and my heart, through my hands and feet, so more will put their trust in Him.

## New ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff)

Not only are there new songs to sing, there are new people to sing them with. In the last several months we have had some new ROS join our Ghana team. Libbie and Rob Seaton arrived first, followed by Karen Harkness, with Dottie and Ed Weniger following shortly after. Ed is the new education director and Libbie and Karen work in the schools under Ed's direction. Rob is our plant manager and Dottie is our new ChildCare director. We also expect Amy Ketcham to join our team and work in our schools sometime after the first of the year.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ED AND DOTTIE WENIGER, KAREN HARKNESS, AND LIBBIE AND ROB SEATON

## New Staff

We have hired a new mother's assistant and two new Rafiki Mothers. This is answered prayer as our children's cottages have been a bit overcrowded. Because of newly hired mothers our numbers in each cottage will now be manageable again.



DOTTIE WITH THE TWO NEW RAFIKI MOTHERS

## New Buildings and New Land

We have a new medical clinic building, a new dining hall, and a new ROS duplex. Also the old dining hall will be converted into a new school building. (We have pre-school through sixth grade presently in our schools.) We are also finalizing the paperwork needed to acquire an additional twenty acres of land so that we may continue on to the next phase of construction of the Rafiki Ghana Village.



THE NEW MEDICAL CLINIC

## New Village

Did you know Rafiki has a Satellite Village here in Ghana? The Rafiki Foundation is partnering with the Methodist Church in Winneba, Ghana, to operate another village—helping more disadvantaged and orphaned children! The Methodist Church is very excited about this partnership. We will use our primary Village as the training center to train the administrative staff and other employees as situations permit. The Methodist Church has hired a village director and ChildCare director, and they have received a good portion of their training from us. A mother and a mother's assistant are also ready to start "child caring." The Satellite Village hopes to open its doors to the first group of children by the first of December. In July, I had the privilege of

attending the dedication ceremony of the site. The men in the picture below are the nearby village chiefs that donated the land for the partnership. They are very proud to be a part of this new work the Lord has given them.



THE CHIEFS THAT DONATED LAND

### **New Bible Study**

The Rafiki Foundation has been writing our own Bible study. We were able to start the study this year. We are thrilled to have it available to us. Even more so, we are thrilled to have it available to all of our staff and children. All ten Rafiki Training Villages in Africa are studying the same section of the Bible every day, every week, throughout the year. Several people at the Rafiki Home Office are working hard to take the lesson written by author Carol Ruvolo and adapting it to the various levels of the school and staff members as well as providing one for our Satellite Village. We love the new study and we are very grateful for it.



TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE BIBLE STUDY

### **New Children**

We will soon have spaces for more children. We are training new mothers presently to take a new household of children. *Please pray that God would be preparing Social Welfare of Ghana with children He has called to be with us, and that God would be preparing those children that will come to the*

*Village.* We now have fifty-nine children with space for another sixty. *Continue to pray God brings the mothers needed to rear them in the ways of His word and this culture.*

### **New Position**

You may remember that not long ago I was given the position as education director. That has changed. The reason is that two of our teammates will be retiring from Rafiki. Joy and Dennis Madison will leave Ghana in December. We will miss them very much. Dennis has been the Village director and Joy has been our medical director for six years. My new position will be Village director.

### **Praises**

- For the way God refreshes us with newness
- For the people we work with and train
- For Rafiki Home Office and God's leading

### **Prayer Requests**

- For new mothers and teachers
- For new children to follow
- For smooth transitioning of ROS position changes
- For a smooth transition and wisdom for the Madisons as they return to the States.
- For team unity that can only come through personal Holiness in our relationship with the Lord.

I cannot make a list of praises to the Lord without mentioning my amazing support team. Thank you for praying, giving, encouraging, corresponding, listening, and correcting. Your prayers have carried me and the work at this Village. I thank God for you and for answering your prayers as you have faithfully prayed for these past five plus years. I am ever grateful.

With Love,

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***"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts"*** (Psalms 33:3).