



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

19001 Huebner Road #2 • San Antonio TX 78258-4040 • 210-244-2600 • FAX 210-244-2605

November 2003

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel . . . being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-6).

Dear Family and Friends,

Time passes quickly. Living in Nairobi gives us a different perspective on TIME. We no longer take anything for granted! For this reason, during this month of thanksgiving, we do not want this TIME to pass without thanking the Lord for you and your passionate commitment to God's work through *Rafiki*. Though we have not reached complete funding to remain in Nairobi past this year, we trust that God has given us a "good work" and He will be faithful in His TIME in seeing us complete it! What "good work" has God been enabling us to complete recently?

OCTOBER BLESSINGS

For two weeks, from the end of September to the beginning of October, God provided in many ways for our team to open our first Rafiki Medical Clinic treating on average, 150 patients per day! A very gifted team from the States, including two doctors, a physician's assistant, lab technician, and several nurses, gave wholeheartedly and endured long hours of reaching out to the neighboring villages. What a TIME we had! Those of us who live and work at the village helped out in any way we could in between our "normal" duties. Betsy had a wonderful time with the girls as they shared their talents by singing and playing their recorders to the masses waiting in the courtyard. Dr. Dan Pope, who is our ROS teammate, a pediatrician living on site,

directed the successful clinic and is already planning for the next one in January. Rafiki truly needs medical personnel who would be willing to go to the MiniMissionary preparation training in San Antonio, which would then enable you to serve in our Medical Clinics held four TIMES a year! Check the *Rafiki* website for more information (www.rafiki-foundation.org)! Is God calling you and saying, "It is **TIME** for you to go?"

We also enjoyed a fabulous weekend attending the East African BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) Retreat. There were approximately 550 leaders gathered together as the Headquarters' staff from San Antonio, Texas, led us through an enriching time in the Word. What a TIME we had! Most everyone on our ROS team continues to volunteer for BSF in various positions. Please pray that God will continue to strengthen us and enable us to fulfill our responsibilities in both ministries.

Tom loves teaching the older children in BSF this year, and he uses what he learns from his lessons to teach the Sunday school kids at our local church. Jake is now in Tom's class at church, and he is having a great TIME with his dad as his teacher!

The class Betsy is involved in is flourishing both spiritually and numerically. Last class night we ran out of chairs! It has been exciting to see God working in this class.

Our specific prayers concerning the progress with the church construction has been so encouraging. There are many doors in place with permanent lighting which has created a much safer environment—we give God all the praise! We truly are thankful to the Lord for the TIME we spend studying His Word every week.



Betsy with two BSF leaders at the East African Retreat!

These women represent many of the leaders who are wholeheartedly committed to serving their Lord and Savior in BSF with His joy! Most women work full-time to support their immediate and extended families. Pray that God provides strength and encouragement as they seek Him in leadership!

October also ushered in six new girls to our Village Girls' Center! The Center now has a total of twenty young women sixteen-nineteen-years-old (most of them are seventeen-years-of-age). We cannot attempt to express the joy we experience spending TIME with these precious girls. Teaching, laughing, crying, growing—are only a small portion of what we share together each day. Please pray that God

removes all obstacles from their paths which could keep them from arriving safely and on TIME each day. Pray that they will recognize every day the hope that they have in the Lord and the specific purpose He is preparing for them to fulfill one day!

A group of students from Rosslyn Academy (the school our kids attend) completed a wonderful service project at the *Rafiki* Village this month. Twenty 9th and 10th graders traveled by bus early in the morning and arrived, shovels and rakes in hand, ready to work hard. They had a great TIME and experienced the joy of completing a worthwhile project. An area which was covered with bushes, weeds, and construction debris, was cleared away making it possible for a group of boy scouts to build a toddler play area for our *Rafiki* kids. It looks great!

In Christ's Love,

*Tom and Betsy
Wade, Constance, Jake*

Tom, Betsy, Wade, Constance, and Jake
P.O. Box 850
Sarit Centre
Nairobi, Kenya
EAST AFRICA

E-mail: tbkreamer@nbi.ispkenya.com

Please send change of address to
ros@rafiki-foundation.org