



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go...I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:15).*

God planted this verse on our hearts over six years ago when He led us in the decision to serve Him through Rafiki. His promise continues to be on our hearts as we take part in His work at the Rafiki Village Kenya! This verse remains on our new prayer card that will soon be issued to you by the Home Office with our updated family picture. Here's one of the many pictures that Tom's father took of us in Annapolis!



Thankfully, we had a smooth trip back to Nairobi. God carried us the whole way including all of our luggage, camera equipment, and computer. Wow, we were relieved and glad to be back safely.

Jumping right back into the routine, the kids returned to school and Tom began his daily commute to the Rafiki Village. Betsy was able to spend time at home, helping everyone get back into the swing of things, and make our new living quarters into a home. We experienced two weeks without water while the tanks were being reconstructed, phone lines were down, and Betsy's car was not working. However almost everything is operational now, and we are thankful. Another reminder that we must depend on God for all things every moment of every day.

Many of you were able to hear and see all the exciting news and pictures of what God has accomplished at the Rafiki Village Kenya. Transitioning into the junior secondary school, including construction, will be the force this year. We are so thrilled that God is planning to give more and more to the children and teens in the area of educational training which is extremely needed here.

*Pray that all the needed funds for construction and operational maintenance are provided.*

As the funds are provided, and construction pounds away, the Rafiki Children's Center goes forward in bringing more helpless abandoned little ones into God's loving care. Our center now enfolds sixty-eight children. Just this week, two new babies arrived from Thika hospital. Hannah is three weeks old and weighs 3.2 Kilos; Rebekah is five weeks old and weighs 2.6 Kilos. *Please pray for these little ones and their Rafiki families that they will grow strong physically and spiritually. Pray that God will help and grow the Rafiki Mothers as they raise their precious little ones chosen for them by God. Also pray for strength for all the ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) who directly work daily with the children.*

Along with our arrival back to Nairobi, as we were facing many day-to-day challenges, we received another challenge in a form of a letter from the Rafiki Home Office alerting us that our funding was very low. In fact, we only have 51%. Many of you asked us in the past and we were not sure of the figures, but now we have them and we place it all in God's hands. Since we just made another two-year commitment to serve with Rafiki, would you pray and ask God if He would have you financially partner with us in this commitment? If God leads you in this commitment, please send your recommitment pledge form to Rafiki or if you need the initial information to begin the process, please contact Rafiki at [ros@rafiki-foundation.org](mailto:ros@rafiki-foundation.org). God has so much planned for us to accomplish here in the next two years, and we trust that it is His plan for us to complete it! *Please pray that we will calmly rest in Him and know that He will provide in His time and in His way!*

Serving and praying together,

*Tom and Betsy  
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