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“Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Five years ago when we only had a pre-primary school with twenty-six students, I selected a theme verse for the year. Little did I know that this verse would come back to me as a key to what we are trying to accomplish at Rafiki as we establish a modified classical Christian education for our students through secondary school.

Classical education is all about cultivating wisdom and virtue. This is best done by nourishing the soul on what is true, beautiful, and good, just what Philippians 4:8 tells us to do.

There is certainly much work yet to be done to fully develop our teaching methods, but we think our children are getting the idea. We asked six of our children four simple questions about their lives at Rafiki. We hope you can see how they are learning to think about and appreciate what is true, beautiful, and good. We asked one child from each primary class a set of four questions and they gave very honest answers.

What is your favorite library book?

Why do you enjoy having a sponsor?

What have you learned about God this year and how has it helped you?

What would you like to tell everyone about living at a Rafiki Village?



SIMON, SUSANNA, VIVIAN, APOLLOS, PHILIP, AND JOY

Simon, Primary One

The Lion Goes to Lunch—it is sweet because the lion is funny.

Because they love me by sending me some sport cards.

He heals people. It makes me happy because when I am sick He heals me.

They help me read books and understand them.

Susanna, Primary Two

The Bible Story—it tells Bible stories in a way I can read them.

They pray for me and send me some stickers and pictures.

When we are in trouble, we should look up to God and He will answer us. When I was trying to do something wrong, then I thought it was not a good thing to do.

It is sweet to live in Rafiki because I have a sponsor and I have things to wear and things to eat every day.

Vivian, Primary Three

Creation—it is about how God created the world.

Because they pay for my clothes and books and other things.

God is kind to the people of Israel even though they did not do what was right before Him. It helps me to be obedient and know God will be kind to me even when I do wrong.

It's fun because I have many teachers and mothers and friends.

Philip, Primary Four

Encyclopedia Brown because they are detectives and I want to be a detective.

They provide for what we need. I feel happy when they send me mail.

Even though the Israelites were disrespectful to God He still forgives them. In all situations even when I am in trouble I should still seek God.

Rafiki is like living in heaven because it is a place where God decided to build for orphans to live.

Apollos, Primary Five

Swiss Family Robinson because it is a good adventure story. I also like Snoopy and Charlie Brown books.

They encourage me with the Word of God so I can be one of the good people.

That He saves people in their time of trouble. It helps me so I can help others when they are in trouble, too.

We go to school to learn many things.

Joy, Primary Six

Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew—I like mysteries.

Because they help me know more about God and help provide me with things that I don't have and they bless my life.

God is always there for me in times of trouble. It helps me to always trust in Him.

That they will have to work hard to earn what they want or to achieve their goal.

And just for fun can you guess:

- How many children are residents at the ten Rafiki villages? _____ (106 in Jos)
- How many children are enrolled in our schools (including day-students)? _____ (125 in Jos)
- How many sponsors are contributing to the lives of our 106 orphans in Jos? _____
- How many acres of corn did we recently plant?

If you are not currently receiving our monthly prayer letter, please send us a note and we will put you on the list.

If you want to be a part of a Rafiki Prayer Group contact the Rafiki Home Office at www.rafiki-foundation.org

If you want to support our family financially, go to the Rafiki website and you will find complete instructions.

Finally, you can have the best working vacation ever by serving short term and meeting these and many more children personally!

Prayer Requests:

- For all children to come to a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ
- Sponsors for all Rafiki children
- Qualified mother and teacher applicants with a heart for the children and the work
- Family health and unity in purpose (1 Timothy 1:5)
- 100% financially supported.

Thanks for being a part of God's Word at work.

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Answers to questions:

517 resident children, 738 students, 350 sponsors, three acres