



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Sixty-two hours after leaving our home in Jos, Nigeria, our three oldest daughters, Lauren, Anica, and Amelie, arrived safely at the doorstep of their grandparents in Tacoma, Washington. Little did we expect that when we sent them off to travel for the first time on their own that their plane would be delayed in Amsterdam not once but twice. Reality is that life is full of the unexpected. As Jesus so aptly reminded us *"Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself."* Ministry, as the rest of life, has its share of surprises. These times give us opportunity to *"trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not on our own understanding"* and ultimately to glorify His name in thanksgiving for the way that He brings the perfect answer for us.

We would love to share with you the way that the Lord is answering prayer for us here at Rafiki. That means we would love to see you at one of the sharing times below if you are in the area. Here is our schedule:

- Week of June 16 Orcas Island Community Church mid-week event
- June 22 Evangelical Reformed Church Tacoma WA, 10:00 A.M.
- June 23 Home of Deb and Chris Van Liew Bonney Lake WA, 7 P.M. (253) 863-3932
- June 24 NW Rafiki dinner at La Spiga Seattle WA Contact Barb Janacek
- June 26 Home of Rita and Russ Flatz Ridgefield WA (near Vancouver) (360) 887-4409
- June 29 Puyallup First Presbyterian Church, Puyallup WA, 9:30 A.M.
- July 6 Hickory Grove Presbyterian Mt. Juliet TN, 10:45 A.M.
- July 9 Bethany Lutheran Church Port Orchard WA, 7-9 P.M. Contact Kathy Somerville (360) 871-4707

July 11 Home of Joyce and Marsh Roberts Wenatchee WA, 11 A.M. (509) 667-2121

July 20 Lighthouse Christian Center Puyallup WA

## And here is what it is all about:



Who are these children? Why are they at Rafiki? What difference does Rafiki make in their lives? And a final question, what is God's plan for these children? While we cannot foresee the details of God's plan for them, Rafiki's mission statement includes that we will raise these children to be godly contributors in the world, and especially in Nigeria.

## Please join us in thanking God for:

- Gracious, helpful, and encouraging hosts for this summer.
- MiniMissionary help at the Village while many are away.
- The Village Bible study that strengthens our faith and understanding and unites us as a community.

**Please join us in asking God for:**

- The provision of a vehicle for our summer travels.
- Good attendance at our sharing times and increased participation in the work of Rafiki.
- Safe travel for us and protection of the Village.

Grateful to be part of this ministry,

*the Pederson family*

Julie and David  
Lauren, Anica, Amelie & Olivia

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