



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people. He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD" (Psalm 113:7-9).

*"For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands" (Psalm 92:4).*

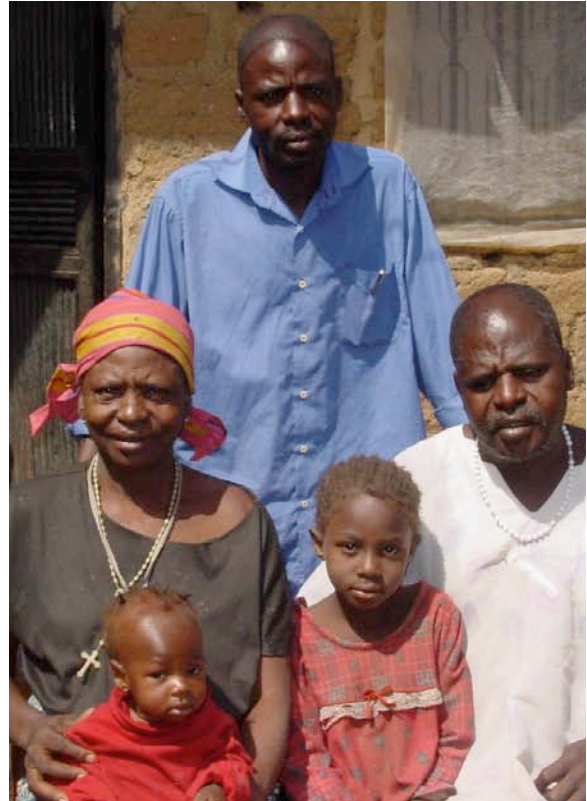
One of the great joys of being a part of the Lord's work through the Rafiki Foundation is that we get to see lives changed physically and spiritually as we put God's Word to work. The Lord is not idle at the Jos Village. Six new children have come to live here. The RGC graduated another semester of girls and the RBC started a second semester of boys. Every morning during morning devotions, songs of praise to the Lord can be heard coming from the children's cottages, the girls' center, the boys' center, and from the employee time as we dedicate the day to Him.

Indeed, as Jesus said, *"the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."* We have seen that in a very practical way in our Village. The work continues on and grows, but we are losing five of our teammates this year due mostly to health related issues. It would be easy for us to be discouraged but as we believe in the sovereignty of God it eliminates any room for panic. Julie's job has changed as a result, though. She is no longer in the classroom but is now the financial manager for the Village! What a change! After a whirlwind three weeks, she is settling into a routine and is also able to continue to revise pre-K curriculum. Then in August she will take on additional responsibilities as assistant children's center director. She needs prayer! *Pray for accuracy in the finances and God's enabling to finish the curriculum by the end of May.*

It Takes a Village...

You may have heard that in Africa, the community takes a significant role in raising children. Adults, whether family or not, are commonly addressed as mama, baba, auntie, and uncle. We have seen that in action and that encouraged us at the Village when it was time to move the five primary two boys into their own cottage. God had provided Rafiki Mother Grace who was eager to have her own boys and they moved in last week.

Pray for strong bonds of love to form with all the Rafiki Mothers and children.



ONE OF THE NEW CHILDREN SAYING "GOOD-BYE"
IN THEIR VILLAGE...

God usually uses the hands of His people following in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ to "raise the poor" and "lift the needy." There are always opportunities to serve with Rafiki either short or long term. MiniMissionary trainings occur throughout the year and there is one in June if you want to go out this summer. Wouldn't you like to "sing for joy at the work of God's hands" firsthand?



...AND "HELLO" AT RAFIKI

We will be in the U.S.A. from May 28–August 4, visiting and sharing in the areas below. Drop us a line if you need more details. We would love to see you!

- May 31 Greater Union Baptist
714 N. Tamarind Avenue
Compton, CA
More info: Leslie Julian
559-322-6350
- June 3-6 Cave Creek and Scottsdale ARIZONA
- June 11 Evangelical Reformed Church
Tacoma, WASHINGTON
- June 17 Spokane Rafiki Event, 9 A.M.–noon
Host church: Real Life Ministries
1866 N Cecil Road
Post Falls, IDAHO
More info: Connie Isakson
208-773-1738 or
Dorothy Freeman 509-443-1902
- June 25 Orcas Island Community Church
Orcas Island, WASHINGTON
- July 2 Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church
84 South Greenhill Road
Mt. Juliet, TENNESSEE
615-469-7660

- July 9 Puyallup First Presbyterian Church
412 W Pioneer
Puyallup, WASHINGTON
- July 15 Portland Rafiki Event
Host church: Lake Grove Presbyterian Church
4040 Sunset
Lake Oswego, OREGON
503-636-5656
More info: Marian Gentry
503-636-6774.
- July 23 Lighthouse Christian Center
10711 80th Ave E
Puyallup, WASHINGTON
253-848-2028

Our home base while in the States is with Julie's parents, Jan and Lloyd Morgan in Tacoma, Washington and you are more than welcome to contact us there to say "Hi" or find out more. Their phone number is 253-922-7241. We will still be able to access our e-mail address below.

In the name of our Risen Lord,

*David & Julie
Lauren, Anica, Amelie*

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