



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“. . .and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD; the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 29:18b-19).*

## **Vision and Seeing**

Richard lived all of his four years thinking that things were supposed to look “fuzzy.” That’s how he saw the world: out-of-focus, unclear, and shapeless. His prayer was not too different from the one the blind man in Luke 18 prayed, “Lord, I want to see.”

God heard the prayer of this little boy. During a routine medical exam by Rafiki Medical Director, Dr. Elaine Tan, Richard’s vision problem was discovered. She recommended that we take Richard to an ophthalmologist for further diagnosis. The missionary doctor agreed to examine Richard and waived his usual fee. Richard was then fitted with new glasses.

The hour-long return trip to the Rafiki Village was a series of, “Look, Look, Amai (grandmother)! Look at the tree! Look at the cows! Look at the sky!” Then Richard’s spiritual eyes were opened. He began to softly sing, “Great is Thy Faithfulness” followed by “Jesus Loves Me.” Nancy continued to drive through misty eyes with new joy and praise for God’s goodness and grace toward a little four-year-old.

Richard’s story reminds us of the ways that God continually sharpens our vision and brings things into focus at the Rafiki Village. When we first arrived in Zambia, we could only imagine what a Rafiki Village here would be like. As we prayed and watched and worked, God opened our eyes and sharpened our vision.

Today, forty one children from all over Zambia call the Rafiki Village their home. These children are going to school and learning about the God who loves them and has provided life for them, not only at the Village, but also eternal life through Jesus Christ.

God expands our vision, too. In January 2009, twenty-two children began to attend the Rafiki School as day-students, some are teenagers continuing their junior high education and others joined the first grade to fill up the class.

Can you see with spiritual eyes all the good things that God will do in, and through, and with these children? We rejoice and thank God that we have a front-row seat. We thank God for you and the generous, faithful support you give to help us serve God by serving God’s children.

In January 2010 we will enter our sixth two-year term. We would invite you to consider renewing your support. Please let the Rafiki Foundation Home Office know of your desire to begin or continue giving to enable us to remain working as Rafiki Overseas Staff.

During the months of July and August, we will be in the U.S. We would be glad to visit you so that we may thank you in person and share with you the great things God is doing through Rafiki. Our itinerary is still in the formative stage, but please



feel free to e-mail us if you would like us to visit when we are in your area:

June 24 to July 3: Orlando, Florida

July 3 to 10: Denver, Colorado

July 10 to 18: Northern California

July 18 to August 5: Missouri and Midwest

August 5 to 21: Carolinas and Southeast

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for the health and safety of Rafiki's children.
- Praise God each day for the children He has placed under Rafiki's care.
- Pray for the approaching completion of the school classroom building and additional cottage.
- Pray that God would provide sponsors for all of the children at the Rafiki Villages.
- Praise God that the registration application for the Rafiki School has been approved by the Ministry of Education.
- Pray that God would supply funds needed for the junior secondary school building construction.

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