



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23-24).*

Dear Family and Friends,

## Greetings from Rwanda where it is a joy to be serving the Lord!

An hour before the first guests arrived, the choir from our partner church, Eglise Presbyterienne au Rwanda (EPR), began singing joyful Kinyarwanda hymns of praise. Soon they were joined by eager students from the EPR primary school. We had anticipated 150 guests for the Rafiki Village ground breaking but over 1000 came! Those gathered heard of God’s provision of forty-two acres of beautiful land, personnel, and finances for building the Rafiki Village Rwanda where hundreds of Rwandan orphans will be given a family, a home, an education, and a hope for the future.



TIM ADDRESSING GROUND BREAKING ATTENDEES

As the Israelites built a memorial of stones at the Jordan River as a reminder of God’s



provision for them, a memorial of stones was erected at the gateway to the Rafiki Village as a reminder of God’s provision for us and the orphans of Rwanda.

RAFIKI GENERAL DIRECTOR, ROSEMARY JENSEN, SETTING A MEMORIAL STONE.

During the first phase of work on the Rafiki Village, twelve buildings are being constructed: a workshop/storage shed, six cottages for orphans, a dining hall/laundry, two houses and a duplex for Rafiki Overseas Staff, and a guest house. The construction has provided work for many church members as well as others in the community. Their appreciation can be seen in their diligence and smiles.



PERPETUE CHIPPING ROCK FOR FOUNDATION FOOTINGS

We stand in awe as we see the African women working alongside the men, carrying as heavy a load or digging as deep a trench as the men. They work hand-in-hand at a steady pace for the entire day.



WOMEN WORKING WITH JOY

At this point the workshop/storage shed has been completed, a slab for the water tanks has been laid, and the water tanks have been placed on it.



RAFIKI WORKSHOP



LAYING OF WATER-TANK SLAB



PLACEMENT OF THE WATER TANKS

In addition to national workers, God is providing several MiniMissionaries with building experience.

**As the work continues, please pray for:**

- Worker safety, accuracy, and integrity.
- Discernment for outfitting of the Village.
- Wisdom to know the best sources of water for the Village.
- A continuous supply of MiniMissionaries with building experience.
- Wisdom, strength, and patience to do the work to God's glory.
- Continued language acquisition.
- Protection for orphans who will come to Rafiki.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and financial support that allow us to serve the Lord in Rwanda. We appreciate you!

Serving the Lord Christ with all our hearts,

*Tim & Patty Yoss*

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