



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*"No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power"*  
(Jeremiah 10:6).

Of the different things I get to do here at Rafiki Village, Kenya, one of my favorite has been filling in as kindergarten teacher in our school. It has been a delight to watch the children's interest and ability to read develop in the last few weeks. To help develop their reading skills, we spend time each day reading aloud, usually using books with lots of alliteration or lots of rhyming words. This has been soaking into my brain, and so, with apologies to Dr. Seuss, here's my update on life at our Rafiki Village:

## **At the Village**

Life at Rafiki Village is never dull

Into routine we are never lulled.

The quarterly medical clinics keep our  
doctor hopping

And give needed services to our neighbors  
who are stopping

By the clinic to be seen by the volunteers  
who come

From near and far to be used by the Lord  
in ways awesome.



MED TECH VOLUNTEERS

Please pray for volunteers for each clinic who will sacrifice their time and use their expertise to further God's kingdom.

October was a month for the RGC grads  
Their success made us all very glad.  
For three years they labored to learn  
And their diplomas they did earn.



RAFIKI FOUNDATION GENERAL DIRECTOR, MRS. ROSEMARY JENSEN, AND RGC GRADUATES

Please pray that these and all future RGC (Rafiki Girls' Center) graduates find meaningful employment and are able to impact their community for God.

Girls come to Rafiki to get an education.  
Soon we will offer boys a respite from vacation.

The Rafiki Boys' Center will be real after all,  
Even though now it's just a growing wall.  
It will give so many boys an alternative to a fall.  
All that's needed now is for folks to hear the call

To provide the funds and the staff for it all.



FUTURE RAFIKI BOYS' CENTER

Please pray for sufficient funds to complete the building of the Rafiki Boys' Center (RBC) and for committed, concerned, and caring ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) to staff it.

The RCC families continue to grow.  
 This makes us all happy, as you might know.  
 The count now is fifty - isn't that nifty!  
 Three of the families now number ten,  
 That's the limit, any more would be a sin!



MAMA MIRIAM AND HER FULL HOUSE

Please pray for God's guidance in bringing each new child into the Rafiki Children's Center (RCC), for the quick completion of the next set of cottages, and for God's selection of next Rafiki Mothers.

Now on to school  
 (it's nearly the end - I promise)  
 I do so like our brand new school,  
 It makes learning oh, so cool.  
 New teachers add to learning fun  
 As students read, write, and run.  
 Students hurry each day to class--  
 No one wants to be the last.  
 Quickly they all get in line  
 (Even kindergarteners which are mine).  
 We start each day with the Word,  
 With its wisdom our loins we gird.  
 Off for learning they all go  
 Even from recess they're not too slow.  
 The morning always goes too fast,  
 At eleven the youngest ones go past.  
 Another half hour and at 11:30  
 Kindergarteners go home - hopefully not too dirty.  
 Primary students stay all day,  
 At 3:30 they are on their way.



MORNING ASSEMBLY AT RAFIKI SCHOOL

Please pray for our newest teachers (Teacher Lucy, Teacher Beatrice, Teacher Salome, Teacher Sammie, Teacher Ndegwa) and for our school as we transition to the Kenyan school calendar and thus begin the new school year in 2006.

**And finally:**

Thanksgiving turkeys we've given the sack  
 But for holidays we don't lack.

In October we had two holidays of note.

Then God answered our prayers for a peaceful vote.

Prayer request: Kenyans voted on a new constitution in November. Despite a very acrimonious, and sometimes violent campaign, the election was calm. Please pray that Kenyans now all unite and work together for their country.

Well, that's the end, I don't want to offend, no more will I send (oops!). I want to end now with a heartfelt thanks for your love, prayer, and support, and with a sincere wish that the holiday season brings you all peace, comfort, and joy that only our Lord and Savior provides.

In God's love,

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