



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*"I therefore urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).*

Greetings to our friends and family. Is it spring yet where you live? In Uganda it seems eternally springtime. Back home in the Seattle area it would be considered the perfect summer weather, in the eighties during the day cooling to the sixties at night.

Tyler has been providing you with some insights into life here so it's time for me to take a turn and share some of the lessons God has taught me recently. I recently had a conversation with one of our Rafiki Mothers, Anna. She is in her early forties and is a widow. Anna has two living children and three children who passed away. The three were triplets who all died of measles in the course of a single year. Can you believe it? Measles? I cried to think people still die of measles. Isn't that prevented by one of those obnoxious shots children receive?



RAFIKI MOTHERS ANNA AND ROBINAH

The infant mortality rate here is extremely high. Fourteen out of every 100 children never live to see their fifth birthday. When you look around Uganda there are very few older people which is no surprise when you consider the average life expectancy is forty-two. Everyone is so young and they look relatively healthy, but most get only one meal a day with little nutritional value and few people drink enough water. The majority of people are malnourished and dehydrated. These conditions along with inadequate immunizations put countless

people at risk for contracting preventable diseases such as measles. Uganda is blessed with plenty of water and many clean sources, but how much would you drink if you had to carry all your water for cleaning, cooking, and drinking over a mile in a plastic jug? I know I wouldn't take enough. I have trouble drinking water if it isn't sufficiently cold or in a glass that I particularly like.



RAFIKI MOTHER ANNA WITH RAFIKI KIDS

There are things we can teach the Ugandans about living healthier lives, but there is much we can learn from them about trusting and relying on our heavenly Father. Anna shared that God has a plan for her life and that pain has often played a major part. Painful trials can help bring us to the end of ourselves and to the beginning of Him. She is happy to be here at Rafiki where God is preparing her to care for ten precious children in a cottage of her own. Even though they will not be her children biologically she is committed to loving and nurturing them. We are teaching the mothers and the children how to live healthier lives, but they are teaching us to trust God in the midst of an uncertain world. Our sovereign Lord has a plan for our lives if only we will go to Him for direction. He is free of uncertainty.



RECENT VISITORS WITH RAFIKI KIDS

As a Village we have been studying what it means to walk with God. There are dozens of passages in Scripture that command us to walk with the Lord, and as I looked through the many verses, Ephesians 4:1-3 stood out to me. I pray this verse for myself, but also for you in whatever circumstances you find yourselves. Trust Him! Pain is a part of life. When we rely on Him to make it through, we become stronger and are ready for the next step in the refinement process. He is molding us to be more like His Son Jesus.

Thank you for praying for Rafiki and our family.



CLARA'S THIRD BIRTHDAY

### Praises:

- The health center license and NGO renewal are finally in hand.
- Sandra, Kato, Jovan, and Jesca—Kim's students—are making progress in tutoring.
- The Rafiki Village is experiencing safety and general good health.
- We had good visits with Tyler's mother in January and his father in March.
- We enjoyed a productive Rafiki Home Office visit in February.
- Construction on three new cottages and a school building is progressing rapidly.

NOTE: Please visit [www.rafiki-foundation.org](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org) to find information on your ROS, what *Rafiki* is doing, the centers, and the Exchange.

### Prayer Requests:

- Kim is preparing to take a new position as the three year old preschool teacher. Pray that she will learn the job quickly and that Clara adjusts well to mom being teacher for the two hour class each day.
- Kim's parents, Duane and Maxine Miles, who have never flown out of the U.S.A. are coming to visit in April. Please pray for uneventful travel, ease of connections, and a good visit for them.
- Kim's four students need to progress before she hands them off to another ROS for more tutoring.
- The Medical Program needs to be well prepared for the first community clinic this August.
- We want the Rafiki children to know and understand the true meaning of Easter.

Secure in His hands,

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