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Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18).

In John 14:18 Jesus promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit. This month, as we celebrate the gift of Christ's humble entry into this world, we would like to tell you about a gift our Village received in the form of a little girl one year ago.

Lillian was identified by a social worker as a child in desperate need. Both of her parents died of AIDS. Her mother passed away shortly after Lillian was born and her father died the next year. She was placed in the home of her paternal uncle who had already been left with nine family orphans. Without adequate means to provide for all the children, Lillian was malnourished and quite sick. Our ChildCare director, Carolyn Enis, and Tyler went to visit her home to verify Lillian's story. In December of 2006 she came home to Rafiki along with one of her cousins, Alex. Tyler saw quite a bit of Lillian those first few months as she struggled with many health problems including intestinal parasites and skin and ear infections.



LILLIAN IN BUSH



TYLER AND CAROLYN IN BUSH

Within a matter of months, we saw a remarkable difference in Lillian. No longer sick or in pain, she started laughing and her personality emerged.

Lillian lives in Grace House with Rafiki Mother Jane, five sisters, and three brothers. She has a clean bed, clean clothes, and nourishing food. She is loved by mothers, assistant mothers, teachers, and ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff). Most importantly Lillian is learning each day about the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in her home and in the three-year-old preschool class provided at the Rafiki School.



LILLIAN IN HER SCHOOL UNIFORM

A typical school day for Lillian

6:00 A.M.	Up and ready for the day
7:00	Breakfast with her family at the dining hall
7:30	Return to cottage to get ready for school
8:00	School begins Three-year-old class, 8 A.M. – 10 Four-year-old class, 8 A.M. – 11 Kindergarten, 8 A.M. – Noon Primary grades, 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.
10:00	School over for Lillian and she changes into play clothes
10:15	Playtime
11:30	Lunch with her family
12:00 P.M.	Return to cottage to prepare for rest time
12:30 – 2:30	Rest time
3:00	Tea time at the dining hall (snack and either tea or juice)
3:30 – 4:30	Playtime
4:30	Baths and clean up
5:30	Dinner
6:00	Last outside playtime
6:30	Inside play (as mosquito time starts), prepare for bed
7:30	Family devotions
8:00	Bedtime

Everything runs on schedule at Rafiki. We have seen how such a routine helps develop a strong sense of security in the new children. They know what to expect and learn that meals happen regularly, not just every once in awhile.



CLARA, LILLIAN, AND PROSS

Lillian has truly blossomed since arriving at the Rafiki Village. With the completion of our three new cottages we look forward to offering the gift of a home to thirty

more orphans. Thank you for being a part of each miracle we get to witness first hand here at our Village. Providing children with hope and a future could not happen without the many faithful people who support Rafiki's work both prayerfully and financially.

Praises:

- A new Rafiki Mother and mother's assistant have started their training.
- We are scheduled to receive four new children on December 11th; Moses, Moses, Isaac, and Jane.
- Our school year is coming to a close and the kids being tutored are keeping up with their classmates.
- The Anderson children are happy and healthy.

Prayer Requests:

- The new Rafiki Mother and mother's assistant to learn quickly the way we do things
- The four new children to bond quickly to their Rafiki Mother and adjust to life at Rafiki
- God to guide us to the children of His choice
- Child sponsors for all of our Rafiki children
- For MiniMissionaries to operate medical clinics in 2008



THE ANDERSONS

With much love and gratitude,

Kim and Tyler
Josiah, Keidi, Maggie & Clara

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