



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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“How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?” (1 Thessalonians 3:9 NIV).

Thanksgiving has always been our favorite holiday. For some reason it seems to be simpler, not drowned by the hype and materialism that can cloud other celebrations throughout the year. Granted there is typically an overabundance of delicious food, but it's also special because it precedes our wedding anniversary weekend. What we enjoy most of all is the time it affords us to look back over the previous year, at moments of hardship and blessing, and consider all that God has done. It is a wonderful opportunity to give Him the praise He alone so utterly deserves.



PILGRIM AND INDIAN HATS ON THANKSGIVING WITH ART AND NANCY BALLMAN AND MIKE AND CAROLYN ENIS

One challenge we faced this year had to do with making the difficult decision to end our full time service with the Rafiki Foundation. We will complete our second two-year term and return to the U.S.A. in the summer of 2010. When we look back at all that God has taught us over nearly four years in Uganda, there is much for which to be thankful. Our family is overwhelmed with gratitude to Him for giving us the opportunity and enabling us to be His hands and feet in this place.

The Rafiki Foundation is a ministry we love; a God-honoring organization which He so clearly laid on our hearts several years ago. We will continue to support Rafiki and pray that everyone who has partnered with our family will do so as well. The

need to raise vulnerable children to be godly contributors to their country remains, and Rafiki's family continues to grow. In fact, in the next week our ninety-ninth child is due to arrive.

We are thankful for the love God has given us for the Rafiki children. When we arrived here in 2006, there were fifty precious little ones, seven years of age and under. Now we're pushing 100 with our oldest child just finishing off the fourth grade and eleven years old. Words cannot adequately describe the privilege we've been granted to watch children, many not long for this world when we first saw them, turn a corner that God alone could orchestrate. We've seen listless kids restored to health, now giving God the glory for what He is doing in their lives. Hope has been and is being played out before our eyes.

We are grateful for the time our four children have had living in a different culture. They've seen things, both the beautiful and the unpleasant, that many people never have the opportunity to see. Most notably, they have witnessed the heart of God working through and in people very different from themselves. We hope that our kids, as a result, will forever have a desire to be used by Him wherever they may be.



GLORIA, MAGGIE, JOSIAH, VICTOR, BABIRYE, CLARA, KEIDI, JEROME, AND OLIVIA

We are thankful for the constant prayers and consistent support we have received from all of you over the years. For each and every circumstance the Lord has brought our way, He has helped us to learn to trust Him more and more. And God has used your prayers to carry us every day. It is no small thing to provide for a family of six in the mission field, and yet we've never experienced a single day of worry about whether or not our funding was sufficient enough to sustain us in Africa. That fact is a testament to your faithfulness.

Please join with us in an ongoing spirit of thanksgiving by extending to our sovereign Lord gratitude for all He has done and all He will do through the Rafiki Foundation in Uganda.

Praises:

- For the time God has allowed the Andersons to be a part of Rafiki.
- For the ninety-eight children God has rescued here in Uganda.
- For safety and good health received by all.
- Our new well is completed and producing clean water.



RAFIKI UGANDA'S NEW WELL

Please pray for:

- More people to come and serve short and long term with Rafiki.
- Wisdom and direction for the Andersons as they rely on God for their future.
- Blessed Christmas season for all our prayer and financial supporters.

May our great God bless and keep you,

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P.S. For those of you who are able, we would appreciate your continued prayer and financial support through August 2010. At that time, we also ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring a Rafiki child or funding another ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) member.