



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Hello again from the "Pearl of Africa," aptly described by Winston Churchill over one hundred years ago. We just experienced the Autumnal Equinox. We both stood out in the sun at noon day, and indeed there was no shadow—quite an interesting phenomena. We both continue to be blessed with the ministry to which God has called us. It is true that God has saved the best for last. We are being challenged daily by the teaching, caring, and sharing with our students and the national faculty alike. Plainly, we love it. It is only by God's grace and abundant provision that we continue to keep busy schedules and enjoy the beauty of this part of His creation.



JACK MILLER SINGING AND DANCING WITH THE NEHEMIAH HOUSE BOYS; YOWERI, ROBERT, SAM, RICK, AND STONE. ROBERT HAS CHANGED HIS NAME TO BOBBY MILLER, AND SAM IS NOW JOHN MILLER

We want you to be aware of ways you, too, can serve Him here in East Africa. Recently, the Miller family, Grandfather Jack, Grandmother Dianne (acquaintance of Nancy's from Bible Study Fellowship), son John and granddaughter Jessica came to our Village bringing musical equipment, energy, and enrichment to our lives here. They had been supporters of Rafiki for years but had never made the trip. Jack Miller (reportedly eighty years old) sang and danced with the boys to an old-time melody with new Christian lyrics and was an inspiration to us all. You can never be too old. Granddaughter Jessica, a junior in college, directed our choir of two weeks, consisting of forty Junior Secondary School (JSS) students. She had never directed before. Our students remained after school to practice and are still singing the medley now

weeks later. Now, we have a monthly Village hymn singing on one Sunday night each month using the piano and sound system left by the Millers. With the Rafiki children, the Millers did another medley including "Today is My Favorite Day," a praise song that was written locally.



JESSICA AND JOHN MILLER WITH THE JSS CHOIR

Another group of MiniMissionaries, doctors, nurses, and families, came to serve in a two-week community medical clinic. Over 500 of our neighbors living in the bush near our Village were treated. It was inspiring to see all the residents dressed in their best traditional clothes coming through our gate. Not only did the MiniMissionaries provide needed medical skills to our community, but one of the doctors and his nurse/daughter occupied the other side of our duplex during their stay and supplied great fellowship as cribbage-players, popcorn-eaters, and great story tellers.

If God is not calling you to come to Africa, you can be involved beneficially. You can sponsor a child in our Village or support the day-student program. Rafiki exists as a life-giving entity because of the generosity of people like you. We can attest to the direct support given by contributions to Rafiki. When we are playing Frisbee golf with our children, we see with both joy and sadness the community children longingly looking through the fence at us, wishing they had the many blessings of our Rafiki children. We are supported by your contributions to the Rafiki Foundation. We thank you, each one, for your prayers and financial considerations.

This may be a bit early to think about Christmas, but if you normally send a Christmas card, would you consider including us this year. We have trouble sending mail from here; and mail from the U.S. is

slow to be received, but most does arrive after customs inspection.

Birds and ants: We have been told by reliable sources that Uganda has more species of birds than any where else on earth. We see many birds of all sizes every day. One is a beautiful bright cerulean blue, another is a kingfisher that is a brilliant aqua with a red beak. We think there are also more kinds of ants than anywhere else. One is smaller than the – dash. There is an ant about an inch long. There are several kinds that enjoy visiting our kitchen; but as uninvited guests we spray them with “Doom”, a well-named product. So far the termite mounds have spared our house.

**Here are our prayer requests:**

- For our ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) partners Marsha and Stu Coiner. Stu is being treated for the return of his cancer and Marsha for chronic back issues. They are home for their daughter’s wedding and for Stu’s treatment. Their desire is to return to Rafiki Village Uganda, as they were here from the beginning. Stu was the engineer who supervised the building of our Village.
- For our teaching in godliness and for our stamina and patience.
- For health, protection and spiritual growth for our Rafiki personal; dining hall staff, guards, Rafiki Mothers, aunties, teachers, support staff, and all the ROS.
- That our neighbors will see us as here to help them, give them employment, and educational opportunities.

We send our love to you all,



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