



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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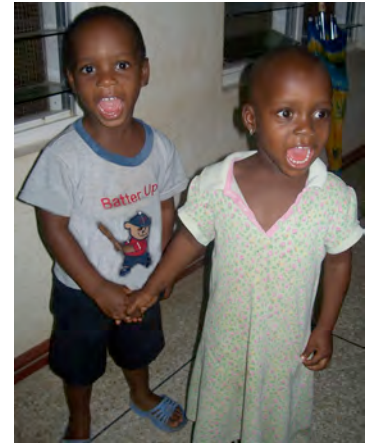
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*“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far has the LORD helped us’” (1 Samuel 7:12 NIV).*

Dearest friends and family,

Happy New Year! Certainly you can remember God’s faithfulness in 2009 and confidently enter into the New Year claiming, “Thus far has the Lord helped us.” The Rafiki Foundation and the orphans under its care can make that claim with you. For twenty-five years now, God has been the One enabling Rafiki’s work of turning helpless children in Africa into godly contributors in their countries. From the beginning He has led and empowered them and now there is a track record they can look back upon and proclaim, “thus far has the Lord helped us”!

In 2006, Diana and Derek arrived at the Rafiki Village Ghana five days old and critically underweight. Intensive neonatal care began for the fragile newborns along with many prayers. Last summer I visited the Rafiki Village Ghana as a MiniMissionary and saw the now four-year-old twins very healthy and happy. Diana joyfully bounced on my lap, proudly singing Ghana’s national anthem, while Derek played “follow the leader,” imagining he was an elephant. Thus far God has helped Derek and Diana!



Derek and Diana saying,  
“JESUS!”



Adwoa and her friend  
Helen in their school  
uniforms

In the same Village lives a third grader named Adwoa. I came to know Adwoa last summer as she practiced math during tutoring sessions we fondly called “math parties.” As we prayed at the start of each session, Adwoa would always request for God to help her with math. She was struggling with place values. After a week of math parties, Adwoa was successfully completing place-value problems with a smile on her face. Thus far God has helped Adwoa!

Whether as small as a math problem or critical as a fragile newborn’s life, God is coming to the aid of 582 orphans in Africa through the Rafiki Foundation. There is much work to be done, as there are 43 million orphans in Africa facing starvation, poverty, and death. The Rafiki Foundation has great hope as they confidently continue in the work God has given them knowing, “Thus far has the Lord helped us.”

Thank you for joining the work of Rafiki through supporting me prayerfully and financially so that I may teach and serve in a Rafiki Village in Africa. Your prayers and financial contributions are very much needed because I am at less than 6% of what is required for me to leave for Africa. You are in my prayers and I thank God for you.

Gratefully Yours,

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