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“The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh every morning”

(Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT).

Dear Family and Friends,

Looking forward into 2008, our pastor challenged us to change our guiding question from a “what” question to a “who” question. Instead of focusing on “What will I do this year?” we’re challenged to ask “Whose life can I help change?”

A three-year-old child’s life was significantly changed in Uganda last year. The Rafiki ChildCare Director was taken by Social Services into the bush to meet Dan, who showed physical signs of malnutrition. Moving around the cooking fire, where he was sitting alone, were goats, pigs, and chickens. Dan had been given to his auntie during a burial service for his parents who had died of AIDS complications. The auntie was blind and the uncle very sick; they had many children of their own, and were unable to adequately care for Dan. Fearing that Dan would die without intervention, they contacted Social Services. Dan was accepted and taken to Rafiki Village Uganda. During the medical exam it was discovered that, at age three, Dan could not walk or talk.



Dan is thriving in his new environment at Rafiki. A regular schedule, nutritious food, clean water, and tender loving care have worked a miracle in his life. Physical signs of malnutrition have disappeared, his motor skills started to develop, and he has learned to walk in a few months.



Dan is now a happy four-year-old boy who can walk, talk, run, jump, and climb. He is secure and confident in his place in his Rafiki family. He is excelling in his Rafiki preschool class. Dan can recite many Scripture verses from memory and sing the words to many hymns. Dan can pray a well thought-out prayer without prompting from his Rafiki Mama, Bisikwa.

Dan now has hope and a future. There are many more orphaned children in Africa whose lives we can impact in 2008. God sees them in their needs, and calls us to assist.

If you would like to take this challenge of helping change a child’s life in Africa, you can make a difference by supporting us with your prayers, providing financial support, and/or by becoming a MiniMissionary with Rafiki in Africa. Please use the enclosed envelope to indicate your desire for involvement.

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