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“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world” (James 1:27 NIV).

Dear Family and Friends,

Most of you are already aware of our interest and involvement with Rafiki Foundation in Africa. We have had the privilege of volunteering in five different African countries over the past four years, and are looking forward to full-time involvement in this mission.

In sub-Saharan Africa, the AIDS pandemic and other diseases, extreme poverty, famines, and wars have deprived many children of their fathers and mothers. Even with one surviving parent, the needs of a child cannot be met in most of these countries. These children are often left without a family, without education, and without a future.



Rafiki works in ten African countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Their aim is to turn helpless children in Africa into godly contributors in their countries.

We have always had a heart for under-privileged people. Mabel initially became involved with Rafiki through one of their Rafiki Prayer Groups eight years ago. Our desire to get more involved has grown over the years, and has evolved from praying for Rafiki's work, to supporting the mission financially, to volunteering on a short-term basis, and now to this next step of full-time service.

If you want to know more about Rafiki and our involvement with them, we are happy to share our story in more depth at any time. In our next letter, we'd like to tell you more about our most recent visit to Rwanda.

Our current projection is to begin full-time service in Africa in the summer of 2008. Your prayers for us during this coming year of preparation are greatly appreciated.

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