



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. . .you are the helper of the fatherless” (Psalm 10:14 NIV).*

Dear friends and family,

Eight new children, including three two-year-olds, have joined our Tanzania Rafiki family in the last six months. We are now caring for eighteen orphaned children.

One of these orphans is Clinton, who was living with his sister and elderly grandparents in a mud-stick house. Clinton and his sister Mary, who also joined us, were living in extreme poverty, poor health, and unsanitary conditions. Both children had chiggers (a parasitic flea) infesting their hands and feet which caused them constant pain.



THIS IS CLINTON AT OUR HOME VISIT BEFORE COMING TO RAFIKI.

After getting rid of the parasites in his hands and feet, several weeks of good food, clean water, a regular schedule, and the stimulation of a Rafiki family environment, Clinton is a new boy. His

constant pain is gone. His eyes sparkle. He's going to school (pre-school) for the first time and eagerly learning everything he can. And, he's enjoying playing in his new runners with the other children, and is learning to ride a bicycle.



ALL OF THE BOYS WERE PROUD OF THEIR NEW BASEBALL CAPS—THIS IS CLINTON IN HIS CAP TWO WEEKS AFTER ARRIVING.

School in Tanzania runs all year around, with two to three-week breaks between quarter terms. During those weeks, we plan a set of activities (Games, Art, Music, Enrichment, and Sports) for the children. At the same time, we are working on constructing a playground for the children. We managed to bring the two activities together by having the children get involved in painting some culverts that will be part of the playground. That involves getting dressed up in plastic protective clothing! Each child got his or her own paint brush.



Below, you see Christina working on the blue culvert.



Once all the culverts were painted, we moved them to the playground area and planted them securely.



The playground will also include a "fort" structure and some low level balance beams.



Our growing ChildCare Program is being challenged with the arrival of several two-year-old children, who are in need of extra attention and care, and the need for more qualified staff.



Most of our children can use additional sponsors as well. Please see our website for information on how you can help in this area.

*Please pray for two new qualified English-speaking women to apply as mothers for these children. Also, pray that all of our children will be fully sponsored.*

We thank you so much for your support and wish you God's blessing wherever you find yourself, and in whatever He's called you to do.

Love,

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