



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Dear friends and family,

I took this picture last summer on my trip to Uganda. I sent a copy to "Rafiki Mother Robena" to put in the "family album." It is hard to imagine that each smiling face of these ten little boys represents a tragedy—a tragedy that is the norm in so much of Africa. But these orphaned boys have been brought together into one happy family, with a Rafiki Mother to love and care for them. They now have food, clothing, shelter, and the opportunity for a Bible-based education—preparation for a future and a hope. These boys also "represent" the future and the hope of Africa. As they become godly leaders in their communities they can make a difference. Through the support and care provided by people like you and me, these youths and many like them can mold and shape the future of the continent. You and I can be a part of that!

Jeremiah 29:11 (NAS) says *"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope."* God has plans for the children of Africa. He also has plans for you, plans for welfare and not for calamity, plans for a future and a hope. In these difficult economic times we are not alone. As God prunes us through diminished resources, let us be reminded of where our hope lies. It does not lie in wealth, or in job security, not even in ourselves. But our future and our hope is in Jesus Christ, the "author and finisher of our faith."

I am thankful to be able to tell you that my support raised is at 38%. I cannot express what you all mean to me. With each promise of prayer, with each gift of support, I am humbled by God's provision through you. This week in Bible study we were reminded of how God's laws bring our sin to light, revealing that none of us can ever be good enough for salvation. I cannot save myself. I cannot get myself to Africa. Only God can! Who am I that He should save me? Who am I that He should send me? Yet He loves and He saves and He sends.

And now I leave you with this blessing that the Rafiki Mothers in Uganda gave me at my departure. *"The LORD bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace"* (Numbers 6:24-26 NASB).

Seeking to serve God's little ones,

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