



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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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” (James 1:27 NIV).*

Dear Friends and Family,

As you know, the Lord is calling us to Africa with the Rafiki Foundation. Rafiki in Swahili means *Friend*, and this organization is a friend to orphans and vulnerable teens by providing them hope both physically and spiritually. The Rafiki Foundation was established in 1985, and their vision is to operate a model Rafiki Village in ten African countries where orphans and teenagers come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, receive an education, and are prepared to serve in their nations. Adults from the surrounding area are hired to work and assist in many areas within the Rafiki Village. Some work in the kitchen to plan and prepare meals, assist the Village director, some operate the laundry facility, live with and care for the children in the cottages (Rafiki Mothers), and teach in the schools. Security personnel, house helpers, mothers helpers, and construction foremen and workers also help care for the Village. These nationals are very thankful to have work that helps provide for the needs of their own families as they work to help build, care for, and maintain the Rafiki Village for the orphans. Rafiki is very thankful to God for these joyful diligent workers.

We have been busy traveling and meeting with many of you to share God's call on our lives to serve with Rafiki. We were blessed and thankful to God for the opportunity to be with you. We are also thrilled to report that as of December 31, 2006 God has provided 32% of the funding needed to put us on the mission field for two years. Thanks to each of you for supporting us so generously both in prayer and financial gifts. We continue to seek people who would commit to praying for us on a regular basis or establish a Rafiki Prayer Group. We are also looking for individuals to provide the financial support needed to help us serve in Africa. The Rafiki Foundation is a tax-deductible nonprofit organization whose operations are funded solely by contributions from those who share in its mission. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like us to give a Rafiki presentation to your small group, Sunday school class, coffee fellowship, or church.

Praise:

- We are nearly complete with immunizations—only needing the Rabies vaccine.
- God's mercies over the past three months as we have traveled (AK, OR, NC, GA) via car, bus, plane, and train to share with friends, family, and churches.
- God's provision thus far for raising up a team of prayer and financial supporters.
- God's perfect peace that passes all understanding while we excitedly wait to go.

Prayer:

- God's safety, protection, and provision for children, workers, and staff in Africa
- That we will stay in step with the Spirit, not running ahead nor lagging behind
- God's continued provision of raising prayer and financial support
- God to send a buyer for our house and continued travel mercies

Serving Him and His,

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