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*“Train a child in the way he should go
and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6 NIV).*

Dear Family and Friends,

The past three months seem to have flown by since the last time that I wrote to you. It has been a wonderful three months, filled with God's goodness. I have loved co-teaching the three-year-old class. The children are an absolute delight.

In the Rafiki School, we are striving to train children in the way they should go and praying that when they are old they will not turn from it.

At 8:30 A.M. the school day begins for the three- to six-year-olds. After singing the Ugandan National Anthem and praying the Lord's Prayer, the children follow the teachers to their classrooms prepared for a morning of learning. The curriculum has been developed to provide a strong educational background that blends a classical and Christian education with the national curriculum. We want the children to think, live, and lead others from a biblical worldview and to become godly leaders. The most important aspect of the educational program at the Rafiki School is to teach the children about Jesus Christ and living for Him.

Jesca enjoys working puzzles and playing with the little bears in the cups. She is learning her colors. It is amazing to see just how patiently she is going over and over them.



JESCA ENJOYS DOING PUZZLES

Our morning in the three-year-old class includes a variety of activities. After a quick stop at the toilets the children are excited to get into their classroom and “down to business.” You may wonder what “business” that is. To them,

learning their colors, numbers, etc., is very serious “business.” It looks like Kizito is just having fun with his blocks, actually is working on numbers and colors as he plays.



KIZITO LEARNS USING BUILDING BLOCKS

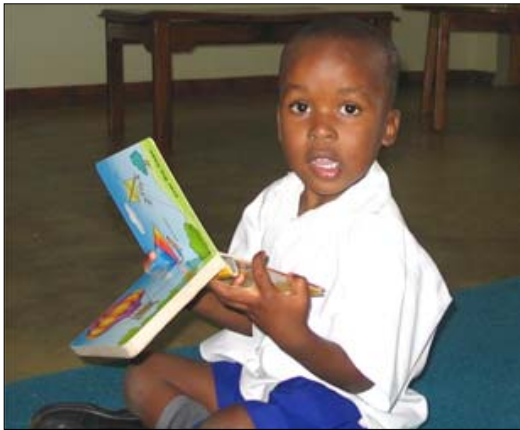
Each of the children has something he/she really enjoys doing. Samson loves to use the lacing cards. This not only helps with his fine-motor control, but also teaches him the word “through.”



SAMSON USING A LACING CARD

Mid morning the children have a banana during their snack time. Afterward, they sit quietly on their carpet squares and “read” books. You would be amazed at just how quietly these little children can be when they are engrossed in a

book. Ivan is the youngest in the three-year-old class. He loves books and will sit for ages looking at every possible detail on the pictures.



IVAN LOVES TO READ

Our Rafiki children love music, especially when they get to use tambourines, drums, and shakers. African children seem to have a built-in rhythm. Start the music and away they go—no need to encourage them to play their instrument. Of course, some times they get so carried away playing the instruments that they forget to sing. One of the children's favorite ways of learning Bible verses is to put them into songs. Charles, who is one of the strongest singers in the class, often sings his Bible verse softly to himself while coloring.



CHARLES COLORING

Our school year ended with an awards ceremony where the three-year-old class received the award for the class "Most Improved in Kindness."

Each of the classes put on a small performance. Their Rafiki Mothers were invited to come along as well as the other ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff). My three-year-olds sang two songs, "Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam" and "Jesus Loves

The Little Ones Like Me," as well as singing their Bible verse, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" from Matthew 6:8.

For those of you who are wondering when my team-mates and I will be moving to Rwanda, we are hoping to make the transition later this month, Lord willing.

Praises:

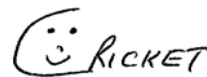
- The four months of teaching the three-year-old class has gone well.
- I have enjoyed good health.
- Work permits and visas have been granted for Rwanda.

Prayer Requests:

- Health and safety
- Safe and timely arrival of my personal belongings being shipped from Cape Town to Uganda and then on to Rwanda.
- Preparation for the move to Rwanda
- Continued vibrant relationship with God

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. You are a part of what God is doing in Africa and in the lives of these children. I appreciate you.

Love always,

A handwritten signature that reads "CRICKET" with a simple smiley face drawn above the letter 'C'.

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LISA COINER, CRICKET, AND
THE THREE-YEAR-OLD CLASS WITH THEIR AWARD