



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age and in the age to come, eternal life”*  
(Mark 10:29-30 NIV).

Dearest family and friends,

I am blessed to be receiving my **hundred fold**. Many of you who are e-mail accessible are already aware that in January we brought our first twelve children home to the Rafiki Village Rwanda. It has been a time of tremendous rejoicing. Seeing where the children came from and what they look like less than two months later, gives me an overwhelming sense of God’s richest blessing in my life.

It has been fascinating to see how easily the children have bonded with their Rafiki Mothers. Mutoni, who is the youngest of our two-year-olds, is especially attached to her Rafiki Mother Judith. She is a very shy little girl but is very brave and smiles a lot when she is close to Judith. It is too precious to see her snuggle close to her Rafiki Mother Judith and kiss her on the cheek.



DATIVA AND MUTONI WITH THEIR CAREGIVER AND FRIENDS.

Many of these children lived deep in the bush. They had no idea of what was waiting for them: a mother to call their own, clean clothes, nutritious food, other “brothers and sisters,” and lots of love and hugs.



Currently we have twelve children, but we are preparing to bring four more children towards the end of March. Our three national Rafiki Mothers have done us proud. Each one has settled into a nice comfortable “family life” with her children.

On February 25, 2009, we dedicated Rafiki Village Rwanda to the glory of God. Some of our staff from the Rafiki Home Office in Florida, U.S.A. were here to celebrate this big day with us. Another huge privilege was the presence of the First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda, Madame Jeannette Kagame.



RAFIKI MOTHER JUDITH WITH DATIVA AND MUTON



PICTURED WITH RAFIKI PRESIDENT ROSEMARY JENSEN ARE: FIRST LADY MADAME JEANNETTE KAGAME, (RIGHT) AND THE MINISTER OF GENDER JEAN D’ARC MUJAWAMARIA (LEFT).

It poured with rain during the entire dedication, but still, Madame Kagame took the time to meet each of the children.



EACH RAFIKI MOTHER PRESENTED HER CHILDREN TO THE FRIST LADY

Another HUGE blessing was a visit from my twin sister, Charleen, who flew to Rwanda especially for the dedication of our Rafiki Village.



THE RAFIKI CHILDREN WERE TRULY SURPRISED TO SEE "TWO AUNTIE CRICKETS"!

#### **PRAISES:**

- For the safe arrival of the first children
- For the dedication of the Rafiki Village Rwanda
- For Charleen's visit
- For the good health of all on the Village

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- *For the children to continue to settle into their new lives at Rafiki*
- *For the health and protection of those children who are still waiting to come to Rafiki*

Thank you for praying for our Rafiki children. I know that many of you have been "journeying" together with me during the past three-and-one-half years, eagerly awaiting the arrival of our very first Rafiki children. Thank you for your love, prayers, and faithful financial support that have helped this to finally become a reality. May you be blessed as you watch these children grow.

In Jesus' love and for His glory,

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

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