



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*"May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.  
Let the whole world sing for joy. . .because you guide the people  
of the whole world" (Psalm 67:3-4).*

Dear praying family and friends,



We hope each of you had a great summer! As we enter this school year one of the things we find ourselves increasingly involved with and growing in is worship through music. At Rafiki Model Training Villages in ten African countries, orphaned children and vulnerable teens are taught about the Lord's love for them and a way to worship through music. Their little voices are also sounds we soon hope to hear at the Rafiki Village Malawi. This past month we have also enjoyed attending hymn sings and becoming involved with our church's children's music program. "I don't have to be afraid, God will help me to be brave" are lyrics to just one of the praise songs

that Mr. John is helping teach three-year-olds on Sunday mornings. These are words that we, too, are applying to our hearts as we lean on Him in serving at home and in His timing in Africa with Rafiki.

We continue to be grateful for the wonderful opportunities that God has provided this summer to present Rafiki through friends and family. In mid-July we had a fellowship in Dallas, and recently shared at the "Power Hour" at our church. In August family members invited us to come and "meet them in St. Louis" Missouri. We had lots of fun catching up, seeing "the sites," along with the opportunity to share at "St John's Episcopal" about Rafiki.

Medically, Portland continues to work part time in emergency medicine. We rejoice that two of our teammates, Darlene and David Shaffer, are back at the Rafiki Village Malawi after a recent medical emergency that required evacuation and surgery. God answered many questions and concerns that we had as we learned how God provided for His children each step of the way.



### **As we continue to move forward toward serving in Africa please pray for:**

- Deeper love of God, His Word and opportunities to share Jesus and His call on our lives.
- For tender hearts that are increasingly drawn to those we will be serving.
- John to be an "instrument of blessing" for the children with whom he has begun working.
- Total healing for our teammate David Schaffer, and health and safety for the Rafiki Village Malawi.
- God's timing in placing our home on the market, what to keep and what to let go.

Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership. We cannot do this without you! We are now over half way funded at 52.4%. However, we must be 100% funded through pledge and cash support before we can depart for the field. Please e-mail us at [jpmithen@gmail.com](mailto:jpmithen@gmail.com) or call us at (972) 231-1806 if you are interested hosting a fellowship, coffee, or having us share with a small group. We would love to hear from you! Please visit our website at [www.rafiki-foundation.org](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org) on other ways that you can partner with Rafiki.

God Bless You,

*John & Portland*

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