



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Friends and Family,

Here in Mzuzu, some of the girls at the Rafiki Girls' Center Malawi are on the "count down" for Christmas—but there is some confusion. Are their twenty-four days until Christmas? Or, are there only sixteen? The 25th is Christmas of course, but the 17th will be our last day of school. You see, the girls remember the celebration of Jesus' birth that they enjoyed last year on the last day of Rafiki before Christmas. So they are counting down until the Christmas celebration at Rafiki! We are all very excited about it again this year.

Furlough 2005: Coming to See You

As the days count down, I, too, am very excited about coming to the United States to be with my father for Christmas. I'm also looking forward to seeing many of you in the New Year. With many thanks to Candy Hall there are plans for presentations.

Napa - January 13

Hosted by Alice Piper at 7 P.M.
Phone number 707-255-5038

Concord- January 15

Hosted by Carolyn Byrne at 1 P.M.
Phone number 925-439-5668

Oakland - January 16

Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service

I hope to have more details to follow in my **E-mail Prayer Requests and Updates** for presentations in:

Santa Rosa Redwood City

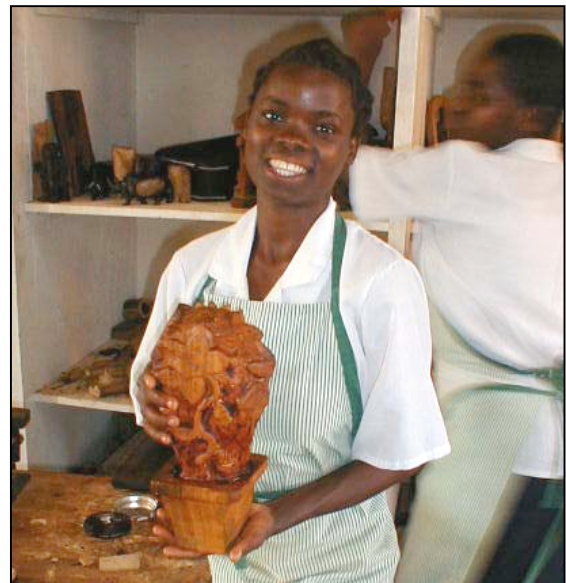
Do you receive prayer requests from me by e-mail? Did you know I have a faithful "Prayer Captain" named Kim Bradshaw? Her maiden name was Kim Kistler, perhaps that rings a bell. She has been faithfully serving God through this ministry for five years. Her e-mail address is mmbshaw1@attbi.com. If the answers to the previous questions are no, and you

would like to receive the updates and prayer requests by e-mail, please contact Kim and let her know you would like to be on the list. Then you will also know the rest of the dates and times that we could see each other. I am looking forward to sharing what God has done and is doing through Rafiki in Mzuzu, Malawi.

More English-Class Students

In the last two newsletters, I introduced you to eleven of the seventeen girls we have enrolled in the center. These are the girls I spend at least an hour with each day teaching English.

This time I would like to introduce you to two more students who not only love learning English but also have a real enthusiasm for wood carving—one of my other areas of responsibility.



ANGELLA WITH HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND AN "ONLY ANGELLA" CARVED FLOWER POT.

Most students make carvings of African scenes or animals. **Angella**, in her love for God's creation, always tries to be unique.



MONICA IS CARVING A STATUE FOR A NATIVITY SET, A VERY POPULAR ITEM HERE AT RAFIKI.

Recently **Monica** was very discouraged and sat down during wood carving to do nothing. When I asked her why and enquired if she was feeling okay, she said she would just sit because "That's what some people do." Monica and I went out on the porch and talked about making decisions based on her love for the Lord, not what she saw other people doing. Monica is an excellent wood carver. I told her I thought she could make an entire nativity set (all ten pieces). When I asked her if she would like to do that (at least three weeks worth of work), she said "Yes." She got up and started right away. Monica has a very large love for the Lord and a beautiful way of expressing herself enthusiastically.

Counting the Ways God Has Provided for Rafiki in Malawi

God has been so faithful in His provision here in Malawi. Since last April, a construction company has successfully erected fourteen clay brick structures for the Rafiki Village Malawi. (Projected date for dedication 4/15/05!) We recently received just enough bricks to complete the 300 meter perimeter for the Rafiki Village. On her most recent visit to Malawi, our general director, Rosemary Jensen, was able to meet with the first lady of Malawi—who embraced the work Rafiki is doing in her country. These are many of the things I would like to share with you in January.

In the meantime, it is my prayer that you will have a Spirit-filled Christmas. And I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

With many thanks and with love in Christ,

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