



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations"* (Psalm 89:1).

Truly we have so much to sing about of our Lord's steadfast love and faithfulness.

## Wedding

In June we returned to California to celebrate the marriage of Jennifer Nelson, Tarry's daughter, to Chris Killam. It was a blessing that both of Tarry's parents recovered their health to a point that they were able to travel from Santa Barbara to Santa Rosa for the wedding. And it was a blessing for both of us to be able to attend. One of the most touching moments was when Jenny and Tarry had the father-daughter dance. While dancing, they each shed tears of joy and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. It is God's faithful answer to our prayers for the wedding that causes us to make known God's faithfulness to all generations.



JUNE 28, 2008

## Babs and Dave Veneman

Thank you for praying for the arrival of Babs and Dave Veneman. In mid-May, they came to Liberia. With their arrival the Village has been beautified as they have taken time to landscape around each building. They also provide much needed additional hands, arms, and legs to get the work done. We are very grateful for their willingness to "hold down the fort" while we attended the wedding. God was faithful to bring them just in time for us to go.



BABS AND CHAR—THE CHILDCARE PROGRAM ROS STAFF

With their arrival Tarry's responsibilities have changed. He is now the volunteer coordinator for our MiniMissionary program and serves in the school as an assistant preschool teacher. In his spare time he gives Dave a hand with plant management. God is faithful to put us in the positions where we are needed. Charmaine is serving as the director of the ChildCare Program. Thank you for praying for the care of the children and the training of the mothers.

## Quality Care for the Children

Since May you have been praying along with us for quality care for the children at the Rafiki Village Liberia. Let us introduce you to the three women who are providing that care. Rafiki Mothers Felicia, Nora, and Charlesetta are caring for the fourteen children living at Rafiki. These women have been persevering as they experience the growth of their own Rafiki families and new additions to our staff through assistant mothers. Some assistants have come to do the job, found it was not what they expected, and left. But these mothers have chosen to be faithful and care for their children each day and night. Each one is a Liberian—Felicia the daughter of an Episcopal priest, Nora a mother of six, and Charlesetta a long-time librarian with the Liberian Public School system.



RAFIKI MOTHER NORA

### Teacher

God has proved faithful yet again in providing for the Liberian teacher for which we asked you to pray. Angelina, who is coming to teach in the school, loves the Lord and knows some classic hymns by heart. She will be joining Tarry and Joanne in educating the children at the Rafiki School.

### President's Visit

Another outstanding display of God's faithfulness to the Rafiki Village Liberia is through the country's president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. She has been faithful in supporting the Rafiki Foundation in Liberia. She made her fourth visit to the Village in a year's time. She came this time to celebrate Liberia's 161st Independence Day. As is the tradition in Liberia, Independence Day is a time for gift giving. She came with lots of cookies and candies for the children. But most impressive was her willingness to meet and greet each child by name. She toured the school, a Rafiki family home, the Village director's home, and heard the children sing two songs including "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah."

The President spent almost an hour with us that afternoon. She continues to describe Rafiki as Liberia's highest standard for orphan care. She is

faithful to remember our needs and offered to help in any way possible. She has even made sure the road that leads to our Village is passable this rainy season. As a result of her visit, the Rafiki Village was featured in her radio broadcast, the newspapers, and on her website called "From the Mansion." She is a grandmother at heart and faithful to support the children of Liberia.



JULY 22, 2008

### Prayer Requests

- Join us in thanking God for your faithful prayers and financial support.
- Pray for Tarry as he becomes more familiar with the biblical worldview being taught to the children in school.
- Pray for Charmaine as she comes along side the mothers to train them in the ChildCare Program.
- Pray for the children to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and friend.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tarry &amp; Charmaine Nelson".

Tarry and Charmaine Nelson

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