



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Dear friends and family,

As my time in college has come to a close, I am now embarking on what God has in store for me next. Over the past year I have been contemplating what this step should be and the skills and gifts with which God has equipped me. A lot of prayer, study, and godly counsel have helped me to hear God's calling to Africa. In the coming months I will be preparing to move to Africa as an ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff) to teach in a Rafiki Village. I will most likely be serving with Rafiki in Moshi, Tanzania.

The Rafiki Foundation strives to "turn helpless children in Africa into godly contributors in their countries." Rafiki has built training Villages in ten of the poorest African countries to provide homes for orphans and to educate them from a godly worldview. These countries include: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Rafiki has been at work in Africa for over twenty years and has developed relationships with these countries which welcomed them to help address the serious problem of children who have been orphaned by AIDS.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, the UN's most recent update on the AIDS pandemic in 2007 reported that 22.5 million children and adults are living with HIV. That same year, 76% of AIDS deaths were in Sub-Saharan Africa, the region most affected by AIDS. There are an estimated forty-five million orphans in Africa; more than the people of Africa can care for on their own. For this reason, the ten African countries where Rafiki has established Villages welcome their assistance in taking care of and educating orphans to be the next generation of leaders in their countries.

As I prepare for this journey, I am asking for your help. First, I am asking for your support in prayer in the coming months of preparation, and as I serve as an ROS. Second, I am asking for your financial support; as an ROS I will be raising all of my support for the first two years prior to leaving. *Please pray about the role God may have for you to partner with me in this work.* If you have any questions about Rafiki or just want to hear more, please contact me; I would love to hear from you!

Blessings,

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