



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23 ESV).*

Dear Family and Friends,

It has been a busy month and we have much to share with you! The three gatherings of people in our church (Oasis, a potluck, and an elegant fundraiser) and community (Chelsea Lions) were encouraging to us, and we are grateful for all the supportive folks who helped. These events were a chance to share how God has put us on the journey to Africa and how He is mightily changing lives. We are looking for more opportunities to talk about Rafiki. If you have a church or group who would like to hear about the needs of the orphans in Africa and how Rafiki is addressing these needs, let us know and we will delight in coming to speak.



Malawi will be our home. The Village has over forty children in residence with five mothers and six more mothers-in-training. There are six cottages completed and three under construction. About twenty day students eagerly come to tackle the classical Christian education in addition to learning the skill of wood carving, which in Malawi, can bring in a sustaining income. The Village is located about four hours drive north of Lilongwe on the road to Mzuzu. At the moment one couple and four single women are serving as overseas staff in the Village. It's great to have a destination and we are eager to meet and begin working with them.



Malawi is the fourth poorest country in the world. About the size of Pennsylvania, Zambia is to the west, Mozambique to the southeast and Tanzania to the northeast. It is mountainous and has a large lake as the eastern border, about 40 km from the Village. The climate is sub-tropical with a rainy and a dry season. It has an estimated 470,000 orphans under age fifteen and the region immediately surrounding the Village has over 8,000 orphans. The AIDS rate is 15%.

Thank you, all who have supported us. Our support is at 67% already. We are enclosing an electronic funds transfer form and a credit card form as options for making pledges and payments. You can also go to our Rafiki web page at [www.rafiki-foundation.org/ros/schaffer/schaffer](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org/ros/schaffer/schaffer) and use the PayPal option. Checks are

also accepted. Be sure to print on the forms and include your donor number if you have received one from Rafiki.

Our hope is in Him who is faithful!

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