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*“But you, O God, do see trouble and grief;
you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you;
you are the helper of the fatherless” (Psalm 10:14).*

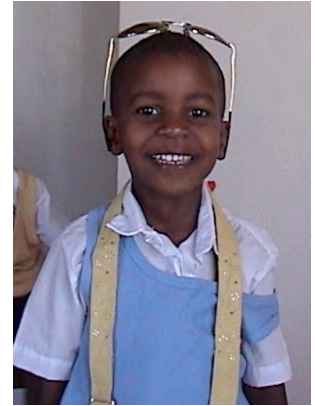
Trouble and grief, not necessarily two words to send in a Christmas greeting! But these two words aptly describe what life was like for our seven resident orphans and sixteen young ladies at the junior secondary school before they came to Rafiki. God has graciously considered them and is their help. We get the awesome privilege of participating in His work. What better gift could you receive this Christmas than to see how your support, prayers, and love are helping the fatherless commit themselves to Him?

Consider Adella. She loves learning and wants to share what she knows. She knew very little English when she first came. One day during the first weeks of preschool I was trying to teach them a new song. After going through it a few times I said, “OK. Now, let’s start from the beginning.” Adella immediately raised her hand and quickly said, “Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” This was the memory verse for the week, so when she heard an English word she knew, she took off!

James and Frank are the newest boys to arrive and they are adjusting very well. James was a very good patient for MiniMissionary Dr. Bill O’Rourke as you can see below. Frank is very cool in his sunglasses and belt casually tossed around his neck.



JAMES AND DR. BILL



FRANK MAKES A FASHION STATEMENT

Our two newest girls are Christina and Neema. They love the new play dresses that Mary Grace O’Rourke made during her MiniMission trip.



PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT RAFIKI VILLAGE TANZANIA



SIX MONTHS LATER, PRETTY IN PINK



CHRISTINA



NEEMA

We cannot forget the young ladies at the JSS (Junior Secondary School). They have been putting their heads together to think of a way to say Merry Christmas to you!



THEY DECIDED TO SEND YOU THEIR BEAUTIFUL SMILES!



As our Village is growing we need more staff. Please pray for teachers, mothers, and long-term missionaries. *Please consider coming for a short-term mission, you will be changed and you will be changing the lives of others.*

May God bless you to be a blessing to others, for His glory.

Love,

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