



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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"KILI" AND THE VILLAGE COTTAGES

*"For this is what the high and lofty One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with him who is contrite and in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite'"*  
(Isaiah 57:15, emphasis added).

Hello Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

I pray this letter finds you resting in the peace of our Holy God—the only source of true refreshment. Lately I have been reminded of the vastness of our gift of restoration.

### **High and Holy, Contrite and Lowly**

In reality it is quite absurd that the high and holy Creator desires to revive the contrite and lowly creature. Yet, even though God "lives" in a high and lofty place, He also dwells with His lowly and repentant children. Each day I witness this paradox afresh. The Rafiki Village Tanzania sits at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. Every time I see "Kili" emerge from behind the clouds I am reminded of our high and lofty creator God. The white, snow-capped peak reminds me of my need for repentance. I echo the prayer from The Valley of Vision:

"LORD, HIGH AND HOLY, MEEK AND LOWLY, Thou has brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory."

Each morning when I teach the Bible class I am again reminded of our holy God who revives the dead in spirit and changes the heart of the contrite. We have seventeen young ladies in our JSS (Junior Secondary School).



JSS STUDENTS

When asked to discuss their lives and how God is helping them, one of the students wrote:

*The areas that are very difficult are: living without my parents, living far from my brothers and sisters, and dreaming bad dreams that make me worried and sad. God has helped me by giving me new parents to live with, giving me [a] chance to communicate with my brothers and sisters, by giving me good dreams. . .and filling me with His love and kindness. The changes that I have made are: being happy with whatever He provide[s] for me, praying, . . .asking for wisdom. . .and reading His words in order to know more about Him and His holiness.*

As you can tell, God is at work through His Word!

We are also celebrating the arrival of the first Rafiki children! Justin, Aneth, and Adella arrived on June 9!



JUSTIN



ANETH AND ANELLA

We trust God in His selection of the orphans that come to live here. We have three Rafiki Mothers who have answered the call to care for the orphans as they arrive. *Please pray for the mothers and the children to be revived, in every sense of the word, by our glorious, holy creator God. Also, please pray for wisdom and stamina as we are making preparations to open our preschool.*

High and holy, contrite and lowly: a beautiful paradox. The valley is the place of vision.

Thank you so very much for your precious support and love.

*Mungu Ibariki Tanzania na watu wake.*

God Bless Tanzania and her people.

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