



# The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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Greetings to you dear loved ones,

Although it seems as if I just sent a support letter, it has been two months already! I had hoped to be in the field by now, but I am learning to be content with God's timing. And, although I desperately desire to be in Africa, my heart literally aches at certain, unexpected moments, such as watching my nephew blow out five little candles on his birthday cake. The reality of the "paradox of life" grows stronger each day. Thankfully, so does my confidence in God's faithfulness and His plan for my life:

*"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ" (Colossians 2:2; NIV).*

More and more of that plan is being revealed. In January, while attending training at the Rafiki Home Office in Texas, I learned that my assignment will be in Liberia, after preparation in Ghana. Rafiki has begun planning a village in Liberia. I am thrilled to be able to labor from the beginning stages on a new work! Also, the Minister of Education of Liberia has asked Rafiki to supply our Christian curriculum to be used in every school in Liberia! That is a work that only God could orchestrate! Please pray that the elections in October will result in a Christian president for Liberia, that a missionary couple will join Rafiki to work there (I cannot go there alone), and that peace and stability will finally come to this war-torn country.

While January was a revealing month, February was a roving month. Traveling through four states and covering 3500 miles, I had the opportunity to speak eleven times in nine different cities. Whether it was a children's chapel or a Chinese church, a group of eight huddled around a PC monitor, or a gathering of over 400 watching the presentation through a projection system, I loved telling others about what God is doing in Africa! If you know of an audience that would be willing to listen, please contact me.

I am approaching the 86% level on funds, and it is with sincere appreciation that I say "thank you" to all of you who support our work through your gifts and prayers. You are the reason for my joy!

I ask you to pray for the remaining 14% of the funds, for a renter for my home and for a successful "estate" sale (I was told that this sounds better than a "garage sale"☺).

Thank you again and may God richly bless you!

Gratefully,

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