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Dear Friends,

As you read in Richard and Karen Farrand's most recent newsletter, they are retiring from the mission field and returned to the United States in late January 2020. While we are going to miss them so much, we are also so grateful for their time of service with Rafiki, and are praying for a smooth transition for them.

Richard and Karen had previously served with Rafiki back in the 1990s in Nigeria, and then returned to serve again with Rafiki in 2018 in Zambia. Richard and Karen served as co-Deans of the RICE Program, Rafiki's teachers college. This vibrant and growing college thrived under their direction and they had a huge impact on the lives of many young African adults learning to be classical Christian educators. Richard and Karen taught the Bible each day using the Rafiki Bible Study and helped many of these young people, who were mostly raised in the church but really never heard the true gospel, come to saving faith in Christ.

If you would like to continue to support the work in Zambia, or another Rafiki Village, you may be changing your pledge to another missionary or to support an orphan or the education fund. Please contact the Home Office at 352-483-9131 or at rafiki@rafikifoundation.org. Please join us in praying for God's blessing and direction for Richard and Karen in the days and months ahead.

Rafiki continues to commit itself to helping Africans know God and raise their standard of living through schools, classical Christian curriculum, orphan care, Bible study, and teacher training.

Serving together,



Karen J. Elliott



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“But we do not account our lives of any great value nor as precious to ourselves, if only we may finish our course and the ministry that we received from the Lord Jesus through Rafiki, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24 paraphrased).



2019 graduation celebration with 26 RICE graduates and the Vice Chancellor of our partner university—Justo Mwale University

Dear friends and family,

OUR GOD IS SO FAITHFUL!

One year ago we began a new journey with Him as we traveled to Zambia to be Deans of the Rafiki Institute of Classical Education (RICE). Our task was to instruct, train, and encourage dedicated young Zambian men and women to pursue their God-given desires to become classical Christian educators in their home country with a free college education for those without means.

And we have had the privilege to do just that. We worked with fifty-nine eager, bright, and committed Zambians to pursue the goal of becoming primary school teachers. With daily classes in English, math, science, literature, the

Bible, world history, art, music, church history, physical education, and Christian worldview, God enabled us to accomplish this work.

We are delighted to share the good news that during our term as deans in 2019, we graduated fifteen students who completed all three years of the RICE Program. And through the year, God was so gracious that we did not lose one student from the program.

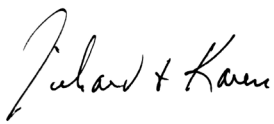
Now our term as Deans is complete. We handed over forty-four students at the beginning of 2020 who are in various stages of completing their three-year education and obtaining their teacher's diploma. It is exciting to see the faithfulness of

God as He equips these young men and women to achieve their dream through the excellence of the RICE curriculum and program.

In a world that seems to have so many false starts and incompletions, we cannot express enough thanks to God for His faithfulness and to YOU, our support team, who have faithfully and regularly upheld us in prayer and encouragement.

Our hope is that YOU would prayerfully consider serving with Rafiki in Africa to help train and educate the next generation of God's people.

THANK YOU for all your support!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard & Karen".

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