



# Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

## Missionary Newsletter

August 2013 – Carolyn and Doug Koepke

Dear family and friends,

Summer time brings a flood of childhood memories. We have had an outpouring of MiniMissionaries who have added so much to the lives of the children during the summer school break. The Rafiki children come from bleak backgrounds and for many of them it was a summer of firsts. This year swimming suits were donated and the children went swimming for the first time. What a fun experience it was for them!



They also learned about flying airplanes



Learning to play recorders



You can see the joy on their faces

We, Carolyn and Doug, traveled back to Texas this summer to visit family and friends as we get ready for another two-year term. This included doctor visits and surgery for Sarah, our seventeen-year-old daughter. Thank you for your prayers for Sarah. She is making a slow but steady recovery after a year of battling chronic pain. A neuro-stimulator has been implanted that is successfully relieving about 90% of her pain. We are thanking God for this blessing. As God prompts, we are accepting donations for medical bills incurred that have not been cover by insurance.

### **Praises:**

- The new preschool should be finished by the end of the year
- We are thankful to our friends, the Zeliskos, who have opened their home to us during our time in Texas
- We are also thankful for a supportive Home Office that is encouraging us during this time
- Primary one and primary two desk tops were covered with laminate
- Thank you for all who have continued to support us prayerfully and financially
- Health restored to two children at the Rafiki Village in Rwanda who were hospitalized in the last month
- We are rejoicing over the dedicated MiniMissionaries God has provided
- Generous MiniMissionaries brought books, balls, soccer nets, ping-pong nets and paddles, wonderful supplies, dictionaries, and Christmas bicycles



### **Prayer Requests:**

- Stamina and wisdom for Mike and Vicky Koch and Kelly Fore, who are covering for us in Rwanda
- For Sarah to recover fully and be able to start college in January
- For Sarah's medical expenses to be met
- For opportunities to share about God's work through Rafiki and in Rwanda
- Complete funding for the next two-year term

Love,

*Doug. Carolyn : Sarah*

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P.S. From the Home Office: The Koepkes are at 58% of the total funding needed for their next term 7 (January 2013 – December 2014).