



# Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

## Missionary Newsletter

December 2016 – Carolyn and Doug Koepke

***"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).***

Dear friends and family,  
Merry Christmas from the Koepkes in Nigeria.



Construction of the Rafiki Institute of Classical Education (RICE) began on September 1. When it is completed in the Spring of 2017, it will be a training center for aspiring teachers who will learn how to teach using the Christian classical method.



### **ChildCare Program**

At the Rafiki Village in Nigeria, we are rejoicing not only in the transformations taking place in the Village, but also those taking place in the lives of the Rafiki children. They are living examples of children striving to learn to live a Christian life. Sunday, they gave an item of their own to orphans at a local children's home sheltering orphans resulting from Boko Haram attacks in Northern Nigeria.

Thank you for praying for Jonah. During the last school break, he was in an accident which fractured his right leg. A local surgeon who specializes in this type of injury has been attending to Jonah. His leg is now free of infection and is healing. *Pray, by God's grace, Jonah may be able to walk normally again.*



### **Widow's Program**

Rafiki partners with local churches to bring relief to widows. They work together to create high quality products that Rafiki buys from them and they participate in Rafiki's Bible Study. In this way, they become more self-sufficient and better equipped to communicate God's truth to others.

### **Prayer Requests**

For the first time, our children will go back to their villages to spend Christmas with extended family. *Pray for safety, thankful hearts, and wisdom as they celebrate our Savior's birth. Pray for peace and safety.* Just as in America, roads in Nigeria can be hazardous during the holiday season.

In God's plan of developing and refining you, were there moments of learning along the way that forever changed your actions, attitudes, and life goals? Every new experience provides us with an opportunity to learn to better express our faith. Do you remember some of these learning moments in your life as a Christian? Perhaps you had a Sunday school teacher

who spoke to your heart or a basketball coach who emulated Christ-like character and made it come alive to you. If you are an encourager and like to serve, would you consider going on a short-term for two to four weeks and help put God's Word to work at a Rafiki Training Village?

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug & Carolyn". The letters are cursive and connected.

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P.S. From the Home Office: The Koepkes are raising the funding needed for their next term #9 (January 2017 – December 2018).