



The Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

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"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go" (Psalm 32:8).



Our three-year-old class recently went on a school trip. They drove to a local store called "Nakumatt." They walked around the store for about fifteen minutes "looking" at the items for sale. One of the teachers held tightly onto Leah's hand and told her, "Don't touch." Leah went through the store saying, "Don't touch, Don't touch." But we think the only thing she really heard was "touch, touch" because she touched everything she saw. Stephen, one of the other three-year-olds came home from the trip and immediately rearranged all the chairs in his cottage into a straight line. The children don't ride in cars very often and he was very impressed with the car ride. Then he told his Rafiki brothers and sisters to sit down while he "drove" them with his car. But this was difficult because he didn't leave room for any of their legs! Maybe he is a budding design architect?

Please pray with us as we look for and train a new Rafiki Mother. One of our mothers has been battling chronic fatigue and is unable to continue working with Rafiki. Her cottage has a hearing impaired child, so help us ask God to send a mother who loves children and also knows sign language. Pray for the other employees as they help nurture the children during this time of transition and for them to remain committed, content, and faithful to the work of caring for orphans and vulnerable children.

Construction of the Junior Secondary School has been completed and the primary school is going up fast. Now we need more teachers! Three new ROS families are in the process of fund raising to come to Nairobi: Liz Shabouk, the Taylors, and the Cagwins!

Every afternoon between 3:30 and 4:30 P.M., fourteen children together with a Rafiki Mother and farmer, put on gumboots, arm themselves with shovel and rake, and tend the half-acre fruit and vegetable garden. God has sent life-giving rain to encourage growth of veggies such as corn, carrots, beans, spinach, and cabbage that are harvested and prepared for the children's and students' meals. More importantly, the children learn agricultural skills and ask great questions about God's creation.



GOD'S RAFIKI SCHOOL OF GARDENING!

Please continue to pray for a full-time physician for our Village. We have seen God's provision of health for our children during the times we are without a doctor. But each time Dan Pope returns for a community clinic our children relapse into illness. This week one of the children developed jaundice

and possible hepatitis. How gracious of God to hold this type of illness until we had two pediatricians on site! *Pray for this not to spread to any of our other children or workers.* God is sending us MiniMissionaries to help assess three children needing help with hearing-impaired issues, speech development, and motor-skill challenges.

We are waiting for Nairobi Water Company to re-connect the water supply to the Village. The pipes have been found and only need to be re-connected. All charitable organizations in Kenya have been asked to reapply for a tax-exempt status. *Pray that God will renew this 16% savings for our Village.*

We are coming home in July and have a tentative home schedule:

Tuesday, July 17 – Texas

We arrive into San Antonio, Texas.

Friday, July 20 – Abilene, Texas

Evening Ice Cream Social
Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study group
Hosts: Edie and Bill Deichman
E-mail: wwed1@juno.com

Thursday, July 26 – Abilene, Texas

Sears Retirement Center
4 P.M. Sharing about Rafiki
Hostess: Jo Ann Jones 325-437-1184

Sunday, Aug. 5 – Abilene, Texas

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Hosts: Adult Sunday school class
E-mail: denise1241@juno.com

Thursday, Aug. 16 – Austin, Texas

Austin Rafiki Prayer Group
Contact: Georgi Duwe
E-mail: grannymem@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, Aug. 21 – Abilene, Texas

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Luncheon/Video presentation
Contact number: 325-671-2361
**If possible please call ahead to reserve a lunch or just come and listen. **

Tuesday, August 21 – Hardin Simmons University

Rebecca has new student orientation at Hardin Simmons University, with moving into the dorm to follow!

Friday, Aug. 24 or Sunday, Aug. 26 – Allen, Texas

Evening fellowship
Hosts: Meg and Mike Wiersma
E-mail: megfw@juno.com

Tuesday, Aug. 28 – Colleyville area

121 Community Church Lady's Group
Evening talk
Hosts: Diane and Jim Lee
E-mail: jdlee@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, Aug. 30 – Colleyville area

121 Community Church Couple's Group
Evening talk
Hosts: Diane and Jim Lee
E-mail: jdlee@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Viborg, South Dakota

Spring Valley Lutheran Church
Host: Pastor Steve Unzicker
E-mail: unzicker@byelectric.com

Sunday, Sept. 16 – Richardson, Texas

Fellowship/ Cookout
Hosts: Portland and John Mithen
E-mail: txrafikirep@tx.rr.com

Saturday, Sept. 22 – Return to Kenya

If you would like to host a coffee please e-mail us and we will provide you with any additional information.

Please pray for:

- Routine doctors' appointments to stay routine.
- Refreshment during sabbatical.
- Rebecca's smooth transition into college.
- Wisdom as we prepare talks about what God is doing through Rafiki in Kenya.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

*Doug, Carolyn
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P.S. From the Home Office: The Koepke family is at 60% of the total funds needed for their current term (January 2007 – December 2008).