



# Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

## Missionary Newsletter

September 2016 – Carolyn and Doug Koepke

**"For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself" (Acts 2:39).**

Dear friends and family,

Enjoy some September blessings!

### Blessings of Farm Produce

At least once a week, we hear a knock at the door after school lets out. Children have come to show us the latest harvest from their family farm plot. We've been blessed with a long rainy season this year which has certainly help boost productivity.

### Blessings of Productive University Students

By God's grace, eight of our Rafiki children are heading off to Bingham University.



Blessing, Debbie, Ruth, Maggie and Fidelis will be going for their first year of study.



Joanna, Lydia, and Joy are returning for their second year of study.

We thank God because the children are maturing into godly young women and men. Our most recent grads have been assisting in Sunday school classrooms and being mentored in the art of teaching. This has given them the opportunity to give back to their local community church. They have also been working at

the Village to help offset the cost of their education.



### Blessings of Productive Rafiki High School Graduates

The next set of graduates, who will finish high school in December, are in line to step up and take the place of the older students who are heading off to university. Another benefit of graduating is being able to attend a Young Adults BSF class in Jos.



Apollos, Eden, Matthew, David, Israel, Eve, and Aquila.

And after graduating, students still have plenty of work to do as they prepare to take the WAEC and NECO exams. These exams assess each student's academic knowledge and are a requirement during normal job interviews and for university admission. The exams will end next July, so you can get an idea of the amount of study and review necessary in order to finish high school well.

### Blessings of Productive MiniMissionaries

MiniMissionary Paul Olsen came to help us. He is a wonderful, godly, hardworking role model for our

Rafiki boys. He spearheaded the installation and painting of tack strips in all the school classrooms. As he is quite the handyman, he also tackled fixing generators and weed eaters. The maintenance staff benefitted as he helped them look critically at their work with an eye for excellent fit and finish.

### **Blessings of Inspiring Christian Professional Speakers**

Career Days have been a weekly highlight at the Rafiki School. Every Friday at 2:00p.m., professionals come to speak to our oldest students. Besides giving a good overview of what their job entails, they also drive home the need for students to be serious about their school work and encourage them to become people of integrity. We have heard speakers from a wide variety of fields—Pharmacy, Law, Missions, Structural Engineering, Medical Doctor, Journalism, Education, Home Economics, Radiology, Psychology, Political Science, Accounting, and Biochemistry.

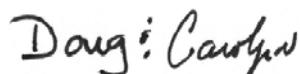
#### **Praises:**

- Our daughters in Texas are doing well and are healthy. Sarah is taking another class this semester at CJC.
- Doug's mom recently went to Wisconsin and visited family there.
- A contract for construction of a Rafiki Advanced Learning Institute (RALI) building was recently signed.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- *Pray for our family to stay healthy and happy in Texas as we continue to work in Nigeria with Rafiki.*
- *Pray for our Home Office and for all of you as you support us in Nigeria.*
- *Pray for the children in Rafiki as they begin a new chapter in their lives towards becoming godly, productive members of their society.*

Love from,



Carolyn and Doug Koepke  
PMB 2714, Anglo-Jos  
Plateau State, Nigeria  
WEST AFRICA  
E-mail: koepkes@gmail.com

Missionary #102