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Dear Partner in the Gospel,

Though you haven't met her, your support has changed her life!



With both parents dead by the time she was seven years old, Eunice's life would likely have been one of despair, darkness, and abuse, **but God...**

The Lord brought her to the Rafiki Classical Christian School in Nigeria when she was four years old, and she "has been a sweet addition to the school and the lives of every teacher. Eunice is the youngest in her family and bears much responsibility in her home. She has breakfast and lunch at the Village provided through sponsorship, but very seldom is there enough food for dinner at home." —Rafiki Missionary in Nigeria

This is just one of the many stories we hear about our day students. For many African families, it is all they can do to put food on the table each day. This means education often falls by the wayside. With Africa's population increasing by leaps and bounds, education is becoming more crucial.

For the next thirty years, every other toddler to teenager will be born on the African continent—one-half of the world's youth will be there! In our ten Rafiki countries, over 60% of the population is under the age of 20.

This places immense pressure on education systems, which already struggle with high dropout rates and low learning outcomes. Those without education are more

vulnerable to poverty, child labor, child slavery, and early marriage. In contrast, an educated child is equipped with the skills to contribute to his or her community, make informed decisions, and break cycles of poverty. A child with a classical Christian education is afforded the opportunity to be discipled to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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For a child in Africa, school means hope

Through Rafiki's sponsorship program, children in Africa can attend the Rafiki Schools with full scholarships or subsidies. At the school, these day students receive an excellent classical Christian education, daily Bible study, two nutritious meals per day, basic school supplies, and a myriad of opportunities. For a child in Africa, attending school means more than academics; it means a hope for a future—spiritually and materially.

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Hear more of Eunice's story through the eyes of a Rafiki Missionary:

Q: What were your initial thoughts of Eunice when you met her?

A: My initial thought of her was how gentle and kind she was and is. Eunice is, by nature, pretty quiet, but she is, at the same time, eager and interested in learning. She asks questions and watches her environment closely.

Q: In what ways has she grown since attending the Rafiki School?

A: Eunice has become a bit more outgoing. She laughs more, talks more, and engages with her peers and teachers much



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more than when I first met her. Over the past six years, she has cultivated a beautiful confidence in the young lady she is. She speaks up for herself and others much more than before.

Q: How has she grown in her understanding and belief in the Lord?

A: Having lost her parents, Eunice’s faith was in many ways “bruised.” She had to establish an unwavering love of God in a circumstance where most people would probably lose themselves. She, however, fell even more in love with the Lord. She has a passion for the Scriptures, curiosity in her Bible studies, and wants to know God deeper every day.

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Q: Can you tell us a story about Eunice?

A: We once had one of our day student parents donate school uniforms to students in need. Eunice was one of the recipients and upon receiving hers, she said, “God always makes me feel so special.” I never forgot that. She didn’t say that was the only time he made her feel special, but always. She knows she is a daughter of the Most High and the joy it brings her is infectious.

Parents notice a difference

Parents in Africa notice the difference in their children as they receive a classical Christian education.

“From the time my daughter gained admission here, her life has changed for the better. Even at three years old when she started, she stopped fighting and bullying children in our area but would rather gather them, get them to sit on our mat outside, and teach them Bible study, mimicking her teacher who does that first thing every morning in the class.” —Nigerian father

“My son appreciates singing hymns and studying the Bible at school every day. He often shares with me what he learns from the Bible and sings the hymns. He is eager to teach other children in the neighborhood the things he learns about God and the hymns. Being a widow, I had no hope of educating my children, but thanks to Rafiki, my son can go to school. Thank you for supporting my family.” —Ugandan mother



Because of people like you offering sponsorship, students like Eunice are given both biblical and academic education and hope for the future instead of living a life of poverty and hardship. Ensuring a Christian education for as many children as possible is key to transforming the future of individuals and entire nations.

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We invite you to join our sponsorship program! For just \$25 a month, you can help a family in Africa by alleviating some of their school fees and ensuring their child studies God’s Word each day. What a gift!

“Although you may be unknown to us, God knows you and will bless you for choosing to bless others. Thank you.” —Rafiki Parent

