

Science with a Mission, Inc.
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Rafiki (Africa)

I number invoices for each organization or individual that places an order with Science with a Mission. So far, Rafiki Foundation has ordered 28 times. That's a lot. "Rafiki" means "friend" in Swahili. This captures the vision and purpose of the Foundation—to befriend orphans and widows in their distress as we are told to do in James 1:27.

To accomplish this mission, Rafiki established Training Villages within ten African countries (Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and Ethiopia). Here, they provide orphan care, Bible study, classical Christian education, and teacher training. I recently asked Karen, the Executive Director of Rafiki, if she could send me a photo to use in this newsletter. She did not have anything on hand...but in writing to her Village in Liberia, learned the nurse herself – along with three children – were recently checked for malaria using our tests. So they were kind enough to reenact that for a photo for us.



Reenactment of malaria testing in Liberia

Midwives for Haiti

Thinking of Rafiki and the large number of orders they have placed...naturally led me to think about Midwives for Haiti. They have ordered 27 times from us. Midwives for Haiti train Haitian nurses to be Skilled Birth Attendants and deliver high impact projects to fight maternal and infant mortality in Haiti. Their 95 graduates make childbirth safer for tens of thousands of mothers and babies in Haiti each year. I appreciate our partnership with this effective ministry.



A father holds his newborn child

"In Haiti, too many children do not survive to take their first breaths, or just as tragic, their mothers do not live to hear their baby's first cries. But we can change this story. In fact, we already are." -Genette, Midwife



Trained birth attendants

Medical Work in Togo

Anthony led a medical mission trip to Togo (West Africa) on behalf of Seacoast Church in Charleston, SC. To assist in their medical service, they order malaria and HIV tests through Science with a Mission.

"Our trip was amazing and your Malaria tests DEFINITELY came in handy. One village we were in had so many cases that we nearly ran out of malaria treatment. Thankfully, due to having the tests, we were able to treat all of the positive cases. I will try to forward along some pictures soon. God Bless, Anthony"

Here are the photos:



Outdoor medical clinic



Checking this little girl for malaria



Heavy loads are often carried on the head

Thank you

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Quilt Show/Craft Fair/Lunch a great success. Together we raised \$2,570 to support this ministry. Let's give thanks!

Speaking of "thanks"...we are giving thanks for SMI turning 15 years old this year.

**Midwives for Haiti photos (front page)
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