



The Recovery of Classical Education in Africa with Karen Elliot and Erica Robertson of the Rafiki Foundation

Presentation 1: The History of Rafiki – God’s Word at Work in Africa Pt. 1

Outline:

Transformation

- The Rafiki Foundation is seeking to transform public (not government) schools into classical, Christian schools.
- Why Africa?
 - Rebecca attends half day schools, schooling ends at grade six, and there are 75 students per class.
 - Family with 19 people living in their home. Child placed with Rafiki Village and has come to know the Lord as Savior. She has been exposed to every subject from the Biblical worldview. She hopes to be a nurse.
 - Moses loves theology and science. He hopes to be a director of an organization that gives charity to the poor or become a pastor.

What does the Bible tell us?

- 1 John 3:17-18, If anyone with earthly possessions sees his brother in need but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him. Little children, let us not love in word and speech but in action and truth.

Who is Rafiki?

- The Rafiki Foundation helps people know God and helps them raise their standard of living with excellence and integrity.
- Rafiki means friend.
- Rosemary and Bob Jensen founded the Rafiki Foundation in 1985. They sent two missionary couples to Tanzania.
- Now there are ten Rafiki villages in ten African countries.
- Each Rafiki village has:
 - An orphanage
 - A pre-k through grade 12 school
 - Rafiki Institute of Classical Education (tuition free 3 year teacher’s college)



Helping Africans know God and raise their standard of living with excellence and integrity

- Rafiki owns Bible study for every book of the Bible for every level of learning. This is a thirteen year study.
- Three part education program:
 - 10 classical, Christian schools (2,400 students)
 - Classical, Christian curriculum, culturally sensitive material, blend in the best of African culture
 - Rafiki Institute of Classical Education