



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

Presentation 6:  
Classical Christian  
Education as a Mission  
Strategy

### Outline:

#### Calling to the Mission Field

- Some called for a short term may be a model teacher in the schools or an assistant in a teacher's college.
- Those looking for a longer commitment could be a dean in a teacher's college or a headmaster in one of the schools.
- We also look for orphan care administrators, plant managers, village administrators, music deans, and more.

#### What to expect in a Rafiki school?

- Rafiki schools are seeking to educate the whole student as a child of God.
- Our goal is for them to grow and mature into Godly young men and women.
- We want to see passionate teachers imparting a love of learning.
- We do not teach Latin yet. We teach English and one of the national languages (and often French).
- Our schools have quite a bit more regulation. We teach the national curriculum and the Rafiki curriculum.
- We are not yet able to find passionate specialists in each subject.
- There is less teacher mentoring going on, this is because teacher prep time is intense for English as a second language teachers.
- Students are more apt to be learning disabled or delayed. Generally children have experienced or currently experience malnutrition.
- The Raffiki Bible study and the Raffiki curriculum are great tools that we have to teach the word of God.
- African children are not overstimulated like American children (no smartphones and computers). When they experience things they are filled with wonder.
- African parents expect to pay some school fees.

#### Headmasters

- Raffiki missionaries are up early studying God's word.
- The headmaster reviews the gospel and checks for understanding in order to ensure that the staff grow in the knowledge of God.



- Once a week the headmaster prepares a two hour staff development session.
- There will be discipline issues for the headmaster.
- The headmaster is involved in establishing an administrative team to lead with them.
- This work is God's work.