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Greetings from Florida!

Our family is happily settled in beautiful central Florida. Nestled under ancient oak trees dripping with Spanish moss, our home has a front door view of Lake Joanna, and a backdoor view of a pond frequented by a variety of birds. We are here with the Rafiki Foundation to help establish its new Home Office.

Steve's Satellites and Sojourns

Three Satellite Villages were dedicated this year and two more are near completion. The Villages will begin their first intake of residents and day students early next year. Along with traveling to Africa three times a year to direct the Satellite Program, Steve has criss-crossed the USA managing Rafiki's relocation. He is now an expert on all the best truck stops between San Antonio and central Florida—this isn't necessarily a good thing. Since moving to Florida, Steve has developed a new passion for kayaking, and has explored numerous lakes and rivers in and around Eustis.



The Nigeria Dedication

Carol's Curriculum and California Commute



Carol continues to oversee the development of Rafiki's Bible curriculum, and the first lessons are in use throughout the ten Rafiki Villages in Africa. Recently, three countries requested the Foundation to provide the curriculum for their government and church schools. It would seem that God is opening the Gospel door for thousands of African children through the material.

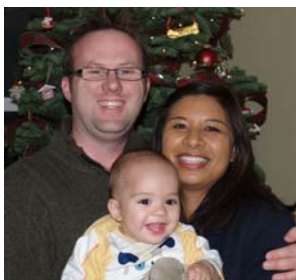
When Carol isn't writing curriculum, driving the carpool, or walking the dog, you will probably find her on a plane bound for California to visit her grandchildren. Steve lovingly refers to this frequent necessity as "feeding the addiction." Despite the miles, she manages to see (and spoil) them with regularity—this also isn't necessarily a good thing.

Cassandra, Carnegie Hall, and Carpools

Cassandra is a junior at Trinity Prep and literally jumped into the deep end of the pool by competing on Trinity's varsity swim team. She is enjoying her classes, and has mastered the skills of studying, sleeping, and eating during her daily 45 minute commute to school. She is looking forward to performing at Carnegie Hall in June 2008 with the Florida Young Artist Orchestra.



Grownchildren and Grandchildren



(Left) Jim, Gina, and Tyler Kranz

(Right) Jon, Eileen, Benjamin, and Andrew Gieseke



Blessings to you all,

The Kranz Family

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