



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.” Psalm 86:11

Sponsor Letters in the Mail!

The kids have so much fun drawing pictures and writing letters to their sponsors. They are so creative! Here are some pictures of the kids having fun coloring and writing! We have mailed letters to our sponsors and hope they arrive soon.



▲ Jerom



▲ Some of the boys



▲ Annet



◀ Joshua

We are still in need of more sponsors for our newest child, James! Prayerfully consider sponsoring him!

Visiting Mary at Elizabeth House

We took all of the kids from the Rafiki Children's Home to visit Mary while the kids were on holiday from school. We all had so much fun! For those of you who do not know, Mary is one of our kids. She has cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and severe learning disabilities. We love her! She lived at the Rafiki home for awhile, but God led us to Elizabeth House, a home for children with special needs. Now she is receiving the one on one care she really needs. We are always amazed at how much she is progressing when we get to spend time with her.



It was Fauziya's birthday so we decided to take birthday cake to Elizabeth House and celebrate with Mary. The kids and staff all ate cake. It was delicious but quite messy! Uncle Joseph and Uncle Moses led us in worship time with dancing, which the disabled children and our Rafiki kids really enjoyed!



▲ Mary standing next to Fauziya while we sang "Happy Birthday".

Uncle Joseph playing the drum for worship and dance time!



◀ Janat enjoying cake.

Summer Missionaries Arrive Next Week!

Please be in prayer for our missionaries who will be serving with us this summer. They will begin arriving the first week of June from a variety of cities and states in the United States. Many have served as missionaries in the past, others have not. They have made sacrifices to raise the funds and arrange time to serve in Uganda. Please pray for safe and uncomplicated travels. Pray they will be a witness to people they meet on their journey. They will meet for the first time when they arrive. Pray that they will bond with each other and settle in to life and the culture of Uganda quickly. Pray that God will lead them, guide them, speak through them, and accomplish great things to honor Him. Pray that the children will be blessed by them and that their time with the missionaries will have eternal value.

The “Little Ones” are in School!

Aisha and Abby (almost 3) have started doing their own preschool class while the big kids are at school. They have been learning colors, numbers, shapes, and opposites. In these pictures, they are learning about the difference between hard and soft. We have been having so much fun learning!



▲ Aisha



▲ Abby

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for the ability to send all of our children to school to receive an education!
- Praise God for enabling us to pay another year's rent upfront!
- Pray for our short-term missionaries that will be arriving in Uganda in June.
- Pray that we will receive new sponsors for James, our newest and youngest child.
- Pray that as our Rafiki family grows that we bond together, that the traumas our children have endured before coming to live with us are healed. Pray as they get older and ask more questions that we will be able to counsel them with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the children and staff as we strive to be more like Jesus everyday. Pray for the children as they learn more about the Lord daily and grow in their walk. Pray they will accept Him as their personal Savior.
- Pray for more monthly financial sponsors that will enable the ministry to provide a home for more hurting children.
- Pray for Rafiki as we continue to work with the local Police, government officials, and Social Workers on the placement of abandoned and orphaned children.
- Pray for excellent physical, mental, and spiritual health for the Rafiki Kids, Staff, Directors, and Missionaries.
- Pray for God's protection over Rafiki Africa Ministries, the directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and children from spiritual attack from the evil one.
- Pray for God's guidance in raising the children to be godly adults, for direction for the Ministry.
- Praise God for his continuous provision, especially with supplying the finances to pay for another year's rent.
- Praise God for our sponsors and contributors who have been inspired by God to give of their time, resources, money, and talents. Pray that we will be good stewards of all that is given to us.
- “In all things give thanks”. 1st Thessalonians 5:88

Ways YOU can support the ministry –

- **PRAY** for the ministry and orphans in Uganda. "Brothers and sisters, pray for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
- **GIVE** financially. 2nd Corinthians 8:3-4 says, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people."
- **SERVE** on the mission field and come to Uganda. We are in desperate need of teachers, childcare workers, nurses, etc. We can use anyone. "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6-8)
- **CONNECT** the ministry with local churches, rotary clubs, schools, businesses, etc. Connect us with your friends and family. Please email Sara at sara@rafikiministries.org if you are interested in arranging a speaking engagement.
- **SPEAK UP** and tell their story. What a simple way of obeying God's instruction to us about the poor...simply tell their story. Proverbs 31:8-9 says "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Please Give by Sponsoring A Life

Prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor. You can sponsor a child for only \$35 per month OR any amount you wish. Every little bit helps keep Rafiki Africa Home running. We are currently providing a home for 15 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Janat, Aisha, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, Cocus, Mary, and Joshua. When you decide to sponsor a child you will be helping take care of their needs by paying for their shelter, medical needs, food, clothes, and education. Prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these children as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me by email: sara@rafikiministries.org

Methods for Giving:

Donate through PayPal using the link on our website → www.rafikiministries.org

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