



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

*Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ*

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**“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9**

## Rafiki Update on 5 children!!!



41 children were rescued from a cult but now most have been returned to their families. Please pray for them as in some cases a family member is involved in the cult. The police made Rafiki return all of the 5 children they were caring for to their families, but with the assurance that we can check up on them. The children and the parents were happy to be reunited. Many of the siblings had been separated. We are especially concerned about one of the girls whose father we believe is one of the cult leaders, but whose mother lives separately in a village. One mother asked Sara and Joseph to help her get out of the cult. We are helping to resettle her daughter with her birth father, who is not a member of the cult, and then to help the mother escape the cult. The cult operates under the guise of Christianity so please pray that God will intervene and lead the members to the Truth.

### ▲ Uncle Godfrey with Jimmy, Sharifa, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Bright (from left to right)

These children will still be apart of our program and therefore we will need monthly financial sponsors to help us with their support. We are hoping to be able to provide school fees for the children and to help their families with income generating projects. Prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these children, as they will need a lot of follow-up care.

Please pray for our social worker, Florence, as she will be doing follow-up visits with each family.

**Jennifer and her sisters had been separated. Their father cried tears of joy and is so thankful to have his 3 daughters returned. ►**



# Improvements to Rafiki Children's Village



The land we have been blessed with came with a small two-room house where the caretaker lives. The house was not finished when we purchased the land but we have been able to make some improvements. By those that are privileged, this may not seem like much, but we have finished the flooring and added windows to increase light and air flow. The pit latrine toilet has been finished. Please understand that we do not have running water or power yet. There are some old pigpens on the land, which in the future we are hoping to renovate into chicken coops. Fencing will be finished this week!!! Praise God for the gift of finances to complete the fence. The front gate will be put in soon, hopefully this coming week.

Our next project is getting a rain tank like the one in the picture below for the caretaker's home. Currently, we have to pay someone to fetch water for us and bring it in jerry cans to the land from the community well. We pay 500 UGX (about 20 cents) per jerry can of water. With a rain tank we would be able to use rainwater (which is free) and be able to store water on the land for building. A rain tank will cost around \$300 USD. Prayerfully consider donating to this project.



▲ Men working on the fence.

◀ Water Tank will cost about \$300 USD

## Continue to Pray for Edwin!



After his lung biopsy, Edwin was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. He does not have cancer. Praise God! We still do not know the cause for the pulmonary fibrosis and do not have a treatment plan. Please be in prayer for Edwin and for wisdom for his doctors to find out what is causing this and to determine a way to help him.

Pray for Edwin as he continues to feel weak and tired. He gets frustrated because he cannot play like the other big boys because he gets tired quickly.



## Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Pray for the new children that we have received into the Children's Home. Pray that we can get monthly sponsors for each of these children so that we can support all of their needs.
- Pray for God to heal the mass in Edwin's lung.
- Pray for the children rescued from the cult, for their protection, and for their familie's salvation.
- Praise God for our new land! Praise Him for providing funding for the land and for a fence. Pray for God's direction as we improve the land and for God to provide the funds that are needed for a well and for building. Pray that it will become a center of hope and refuge for many children and families.
- Please pray for the children by name who are living at the Children's Home: Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Ivan, Aisha, Emma, Addadi, Fauziya, Edwin, and Cocus.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes: Annet, Acram, Shakirah, Brenda, Esther, Carol, Don, Jerom, Oscar, Joel, Mary, Joshua, Jimmy, Sharifa, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Bright.
- Pray for Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, who is expecting a baby in late September.
- Please pray that the Rafiki staff and short-term missionaries will be strengthened physically, emotionally, and mentally as they care for the children.
- Pray for God's direction in making decisions about the best possible care for each Rafiki child.
- Praise God for the children under our care who carry their Christian faith to their families and serve as a witness to them during family visits and when they are resettled. Pray that God gives them boldness in sharing their faith.

## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 supporting 29 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Baby Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Rebecca, Bright, Jimmy, Jennifer, Ivan, Acram, Sharifa, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Edwin, Brenda, Cocus, Addadi, Mary, and Joshua. Some of these children live at the Rafiki Children's Home, while others live with immediate or extended family and Rafiki helps with school fees and other necessities. 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](mailto:sara@rafikiministries.org)

## Methods for Giving:

Donate through PayPal using the link on our website → [www.rafikiministries.org](http://www.rafikiministries.org)

Please mail checks to: **Rafiki Africa Ministries**  
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**Webale! (Thank you!) We continuously thank God for you!**  
**Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries**