



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.” 2nd Corinthians 1:3



Rafiki Has Purchased 5 Acres of Land!!!



The land cost 75 million UGX, which is equivalent to \$25,000 USD. Thank you to everyone who has donated to make this possible. We are so excited for the way God is growing the ministry. The land is located very close to Kakiri Town. Kakiri is located approximately 19 miles by road, northwest of Kampala. In 2014, the national population census put the population of Kakiri at 19,449. One of the reasons that we felt called to buy land in Kakiri is because it has a large Muslim population. We are praying that we can bring many to Christ in this community!

Clearing of the land has already begun as you can see in the pictures above. We have hired

local farmers to help but we are making sure to leave all trees that are producing fruit. There are many mango, banana, avocado, and jackfruit trees on the land. We are very blessed to have land that is already growing food. ☺



The land came with a small two-room house where the caretaker was living. We have been making some improvements such as working the flooring and adding doors and windows. We also have some old pigpens on the land, which in the future are hoping to renovate into chicken coops.

Introducing Steven Kyaligonza

Steven was the previous caretaker of the land. We received a good reference from the previous landowner and decided to hire him our caretaker. He has been living in the small house, so we are making it a little more comfortable for him. Steven is an extremely hard worker and we are happy to welcome him to the Rafiki team.



Next Stage – Fencing

The picture on the left shows the type of fence that we would like to put on the land. It is important to fence the land to protect it from squatters and from thieves.

It will cost roughly \$9,000 USD to put a fence around the entire 5 acres of land. If you are interested in supporting this financially, then please let us know.

Update from the Directors



Joseph and I (Sara) are excited to announce that we are expecting a baby girl in September 2015. We have some other big news to share as well. We have started the foster to adopt process in Uganda to adopt Annet. It has always been on our heart to adopt Annet and God has been telling us that this is the right time. Annet has been living with us since January. We are so excited for her to join our family. Please pray with us for these wonderful new additions and our growing family!
We love our house full of girls! ☺

Abby, Zoe, and Annet ►



Fun on the Nile River with Short-Term Missionary, Reyna

Reyna has been serving with us for the past month. She has been such a great help at the Children's Home and are so sad to see her leave Uganda on June 1st. We planned a fun trip to Jinja while the kids were on holiday. The older kids – Fauziya, Annet, Addad, Joshua, Emma, and Abby – got to go on a boat ride with Auntie Reyna and Uncle Godfrey.



Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for our new land! Pray for God's direction as we improve the land and for God to provide the funds for a fence, for a well, and building. Pray that it will become a center of hope and refuge for many children.
- Please pray for the children by name that are living at the Children's Home: Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, 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, and Joshua.
- 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.
- Pray for Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka as they face the daily challenges of directing Rafiki Africa Ministries and seek God's will for the ministry and their family.
- Pray for the volunteer missionaries that work with our ministry and live at the children's home. Pray that God brings to our ministry missionaries that have a great love for children and a true servant's heart. Pray for a hedge of protection around them, for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they minister to the people of Uganda.
- Pray for our children as they reconnect with family members. Pray that they will bond and build relationships. Pray, especially, for the families and the children who are being resettled with their families and will be starting in new schools. Pray that God will prepare the way for the families to care for the children.
- Pray for each child under our care, whether it be for a day, or for years, that they will know that they are loved and cared for by us and by God.
- Pray for our ministry as we reach out to families, to counsel them, and to share the love of Christ with them. Pray that entire families will be led to Christ and that those who are already believers will grow in their faith.
- Pray for us as we seek to follow God's direction in the purchase of land and building and pray that He will provide the money we need so that we can move out of our rented Rafiki Home.
- Pray that we will receive enough sponsors and donations to take care of all of our children's needs. Pray that as God is leading us in the direction of resettling children with their families that our sponsors will understand this change and continue to sponsor their children.
- 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 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 that we be reminded each day to take up and use our spiritual armor.
- Pray for wisdom and for God to make His will for the ministry very clear to us as we seek to follow his direction.
- Praise God for his continuous provision and generosity of blessings we receive from Him.

- 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 supporting 22 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Baby Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Acram, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Edwin, Brenda, Cocus, 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

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Webale! (Thank you!) We continuously thank God for you!
Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries