



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

**We paid for an entire year’s rent upfront!
Praise God for His continuous provision! 😊**



Fun day at the playground. Kids had their faces painted!

Thank you from our hearts to yours for helping us pay for another year’s rent. In the future, we desire to no longer rent but to buy land and build permanent homes for our children. God has great plans for the future of Rafiki! God has always provided for the Rafiki Children through those who give. If God is encouraging you to donate to our Land and Building Project, please let us know. More news about fundraising for land will be coming up in future newsletters.

Message from Laura Pedersen (aka Jjaja Laura) Short-Term Missionary from Austin, Texas



“As I have contemplated what God is teaching me while I'm here in Africa, I think the biggest thing is being content in ALL things. You never know if you are going to have running water or not, you don't know how long you will have power, so you just live in the moment. Your meals are prepared for you and so is your schedule so if you don't learn contentment in the process, it will be really difficult to be here.

I think that our sinful nature is to be discontent. Even Paul had to LEARN contentment, *"For I have **learned** to be content in whatever circumstances I am in."* (Phillipians 4:11) James writes that the lack of contentment is the basis for most of our relational conflicts, *"What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your*

pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel." (James 4:1-2)

The children at Rafiki Home have had some pretty rough backgrounds. To listen to them pray is very humbling. They thank God for their food and the person who prepared it, for the gift of life, for the day, etc. They do a lot more "thanking" God, than asking God.

I know I'm not complete in my education on contentment, but Uganda has taught me a lot about what attitude we should have at all times!"

Back at School – Little Rina Nursery & Primary School



Jjaja Laura describes Little Rina:

“It was like stepping back in time. I walked into a P1 (1st grade classroom) and the kids were sitting in desks that I had seen in pictures that were used in the old one room schoolhouse. The teacher was very gracious to welcome me. She was teaching math. Everything was taught by repetition and rote. As I sat, I noticed some of the children gathering around a table. They were sharpening their pencils with a razor blade! (they are 6 year olds)”

Our Gift from God – Zoe Malaika Kiwanuka

Zoe Malaika Kiwanuka was born on June 6, 2013 at 8:53am in Kampala, Uganda. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19.7 inches long. Mama Sara is recovering well from a C-section and Baby Zoe is very healthy and just turned 1 month old. Pray for continued healing for Sara and good health for the newest addition to the Rafiki Family.



Summer missionaries visiting us in the hospital



Zoe Malaika Kiwanuka in the hospital



Welcome Home – Baby Zoe – Praise God!



Big sister, Abby, feeding Zoe for the first time.

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise for Zoe Malaika Kiwanuka born on June 6th.
- Pray for our short-term missionaries. Pray against homesickness and that they will feel comfortable in their new home in Uganda. Continue to pray for them as they serve with us this summer. Pray that more people will come to know Christ's love through their words and actions!
- Pray for our long-term missionaries. Pray for strength and for God to speak through them as they minister to the children, the people of Uganda and as they share their experiences when they return home or wherever they will serve in the future. Pray for their safety.
- Pray for good health for the Rafiki Kids, Staff, and Missionaries. Pray for protection from malaria and other illnesses that everyone is exposed to each day. Some of the kids have brought pink eye home from school. Pray that nobody else gets pink eye and the ones that have to be healed quickly.
- 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 God's direction for the Ministry.

- Praise God for his continuous provision, especially with supplying the finances to pay for another year's rent. Pray for God's future provision and for His vision for the ministry to unfold in His perfect timing.
- 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. Joseph and I will be back in Texas at the beginning of October till the end of the year. Please email me at sarainafrika@yahoo.com 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."

Thank you to EVERYONE who has been so generous in supporting us!

God Bless You!

Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka
Directors and Founders of Rafiki Africa Ministries

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 13 children (listed from youngest to oldest) 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

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