



Rafiki Africa Ministries

providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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Website: www.rafikiministries.org

New Blog: rafikiministries.blogspot.com

“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.”

Philemon 1:6

The Faces Behind the Work

We want to honor the men and women who work with Rafiki Africa Ministries. They are the faces behind it all. Day in and day out, our team works faithfully to make sure the children we serve are given the best possible care. They treat the children with genuine love and compassion. Without these selfless individuals there would be no Rafiki Africa Ministries. Each staff member has sacrificed in some way. This is not an easy life. They utilize every dollar given to the fullest capacity to maximize the work for the children. When you give towards this work, your dollars are put to exponential use.

Introducing our Ugandan Staff!



Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka

Directors and Founders

Joseph and Sara started Rafiki Africa Ministries together in 2009. They are married with a beautiful daughter, Abigail Sanyu Kiwanuka. They are expecting their second daughter to be born in June.

Esther Nakamwa

Manager/Administrator

“God has given me the desire to serve and work with children, especially young girls. I believe if they are well empowered and guided then our nation stands a chance of having great leaders who are committed and dedicated.”



The children at Rafiki Children’s Home have all been abused or abandoned, which can make learning to relax and play a lot of hard work. Godly adults are providing stability, healing, and love to 13 children in the name of Jesus!



Sarah Namukasa

Childcare Worker/Social Worker

Mama Sarah is trained in social work and currently she is working with us in the capacity of childcare, making sure that the needs of the children are met on a daily basis.

Godfrey Gabunga Mubiru

Custodian/Household Maintenance

“What I like about Rafiki Africa Ministries is that it is a Christian ministry with good motives and the determination to extend its love to the community. I see a great vision and mission about the ministry because God has been put first in every aspect.”



Moses Kiyaga

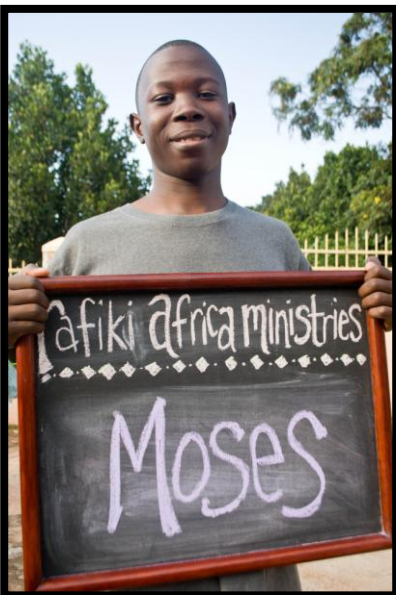
Custodian/Driver

“Because I have been loved and cared for as a kid, I want to reciprocate that love to the kids that we serve and it is always such a blessing to see kids smile when you reach out to them.”

Monica Irima

House Cook/Mama to Everyone

Born in 1963 and a mother of six kids, she has loved serving in Rafiki Children’s Home through cooking and taking care of the little ones in the home. “The children remind me a lot that I was once a kid and how far the Lord has brought me. So I give back the glory to God by serving these little ones.”



Junk for Jesus Yard Sale – Pflugerville, Texas

*Spring Cleaning! Junk for Jesus! One Man’s Trash is Another’s Treasure!
Clean out your closets for the Rafiki Yard Sale! Come Shop!*

**Friday Evening, April 12, 4:00 P.M. to Sunset
Saturday Morning, April 13, Sunrise to Noon (or Sell-Out)**

**At the Home of Frank and Jo Hamilton
803 West Noton Street
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

Donations are tax deductible! We have limited storage space prior to the yard sale so we will be accepting donations only 2 weeks before. Please call Frank (512) 771-0681 or Jo (512) 750-8047 to drop off donation items.

Home School Teacher Needed for Missionary Kid!

We have a new long-term missionary position opening up next year in January 2014. We are searching for someone with an education degree or passion for teaching to serve in Kampala, Uganda. You will be teaching preschool to a missionary kid, Abby, using a Christian homeschool curriculum. If interested in more information about this position then please let us know. This is a non-salaried missionary position.

We will be accepting resumes for this position. Feel free to email your resume to sara@rafikiministries.org. We have several other long-term positions open at this time. Please check out our website for more information.



Abigail Kiwanuka

Maintenance Work on New Van! Half-Way There!

we need \$2,500 for:

- Maintenance & Repairs
- Grates over hood/lights
- 4 seats & seat belts
- Painting Exterior
- Registering



In the last newsletter, I talked about how through your giving we have been able to purchase another van for the ministry. We are quickly growing and were desperately in need of another vehicle for transportation.

Praise the Lord! We have raised half of the money for the maintenance and repairs that need to be done. Included in this are passenger seats with seat belts! Vans sold in Uganda do not come with seats and must be put in later. We are excited to announce that we have already raised half of the \$2,500 needed to fix up the new van. The van is currently in the garage getting worked on.

We are still in need of the remaining \$1,250. Prayerfully consider donating for our new ministry van! 😊



Prayer Needed for Another Washing Machine ►

God has blessed us so much by giving us a washing machine. It almost seems selfish to ask God for another one, but as you can see in the photo below this is how our laundry area looks on a daily basis and it is even worse when we don't have water.

Why we need a NEW Washer :

When you have 25-35 people using ONE washer for clothes, bedding, school uniforms (and everything else) it becomes a complicated game to get it all clean!

Cost of a washer : \$1000



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

Rafiki means Friend! Thank you for being a friend to the Rafiki Family!

- Praise for Joseph and Sara expecting a new baby! Please pray for good health for Mom and baby.
- Praise God for the new van. Pray for finances we need to buy additional seats and safety equipment.
- Pray for another washing machine to help with our overflowing laundry.
- Pray for our long-term missionaries. We have 3 missionaries that will be serving with us for the entire year of 2013. 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.
- Pray for our short-term missionaries as they prepare their hearts to serve in Uganda.
- Pray for good health for the Rafiki Kids. Pray that they "will grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men", just as Jesus did as a child...Luke 2:52.
- Pray for our ministry as we reach beyond the walls of the orphanage out into the neighborhood and everyone we come in contact to share the love of Christ. Pray that many will receive salvation and lives will be changed.
- Pray for our Ugandan team – we currently have 5 full-time staff that work with and minister to the kid's daily. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they minister to the children, for their health, pray that they will be strengthened.
- Pray that God will be a light in these children's lives and they will ultimately come to know the Lord personally.
- Pray that we will continue to be good stewards of the money and gifts we receive for the ministry.
- Pray that God will bless each person and family that gives to our ministry with their time, talents, spiritual gifts, resources, money, and prayer.
- PRAISE God! "In all things give thanks"...1 Thessalonians 5:18

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: sarainafrika@yahoo.com

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

Please mail checks to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries
P.O. Box 3526
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

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