



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.” 2 Chronicles 7:15-16

**God has blessed us
with a new
rental home!!
Rafiki is moving!!**



We are so excited to announce that we will be moving the Children's Home in the next couple of weeks. We have been renting the same home for the past 6 years. We have outgrown this home and have been praying for God's guidance with finding a larger rental home. It is amazing how God continues to bless us!! Large homes in Uganda are rare. Without God's help, we had little hope of finding something large enough, in our current neighborhood, and that we could afford. We put it in God's hands knowing that He can do anything!! Wow!! We were amazed at what God gave us! The kids and staff at Rafiki are so excited. Everything is bigger and better in this home. The kids are so excited that we will have a big yard with grass to play in!! 😊



We continually trust God for the finances to help with the expenses of rent and moving. As we have seen so many times before, we know that we have a GREAT, BIG GOD that can provide in amazing ways!! Please pray with us as we move!! Anybody that has moved before knows that it is so much work and can be stressful. Just imagine moving 19 children...that's a lot of beds and clothes!

←The house is older and needs some repairs before we can move in. In this picture, a plumber is working on fixing the water pipes.

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” Proverbs 24:3-4

Praise Jesus! Last month, we mentioned some urgent needs. We are so thankful for a \$1,600 donation for new tires for our two vans. Thank you!!

Joseph Visiting Family in Western Uganda

When thinking and praying about what to include in this month's newsletter, I realized that it has been a long time since we shared about our Ugandan family. A few weeks back, Joseph was able to take a weekend trip to visit his grandmother, Mama Amooti, in Kyegewa, Western Uganda. Joseph grew up in this small village town. She helped raise Joseph, is a strong Christian woman, and was a great influence on the man he is today. Joseph's grandmother is diabetic and has not been feeling well for sometime now. We do not get to visit Mama Amooti as much as we would like as she lives an entire day drive away from us. Please pray with us for Mama Amooti's health and for her to feel better! She has always been a very active woman and was out digging in her garden when Joseph arrived. While Joseph visited family, he also visited some important sites from his childhood.

In the picture on the right, Moses (Josephs' younger brother) and Mama Amooti (grandmother) are with Joseph in front of the family home. Moses used to work for Rafiki, but after graduating from university, but has started a school and is taking seminary classes.



Village Sign↑



↑**Government Hospital where Joseph was born**



←**Joseph's Primary School**

Humera→
**Secondary School,
Joseph's High School**





↑Market Day in the nearby village of Kyenjojo

↑ Post Office & Electronic Stores

Fundraiser Yard Sale! Shoppers Welcome!

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations.

Don't miss out...we've got some real treasures! We are accepting donations through Friday.

Friday, April 7, 4:30 pm to Sunset
Saturday, April 8, Sunrise to Sell-out

Spring Cleaning! Junk for Jesus!
One Man's Trash is Another's Treasure!

Donations are tax deductible. Please call Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681 to drop off donations or make special arrangements for larger items.



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Ways YOU can pray for us this month

- Praise and Pray for our child sponsors and for everyone that gives to our ministry through donations of money, goods, and prayer.
- Praise God for providing us a larger Children's Home. Pray for Him to continue to provide the finances to help the children of Uganda.
- Praise God for His provision of finances to purchase new tires for two ministry vehicles.
- Pray for our newest children – Andrew, Hope, and Jacob. Pray for God to give us monthly partners to help with caring for their needs, as well as the other children we support.
- Pray for Sara's future trip to the US in October. Pray for opportunities to share about the ministry. Pray that God will link the ministry to more individual and church partnerships.
- Pray for the people of Uganda. Pray for those who are so destitute that they must abandon their families in hopes that their children will be "taken in" and survive. Pray for the Ugandan government as they seek ways to protect children and help the abandoned and orphaned children of Uganda. Pray for Children's Homes, like Rafiki, who are struggling to have the finances and means to support as many children as possible.

- Pray that God will provide the funding needed to move to our new land. Currently, we need \$250,000 to complete the first part of our building phase so that we can move the Children's Home permanently to our land in Kakiri. This will enable us to serve more children and families in the community.
- Please pray for the children by name that are living at the Children's Home: Baby Florence, Reagan, Max, Junior, Hope, Ruth, Hannah, James, Jacob, Andrew, Janat, Ivan, Aisha, Jerom, Joel, Addadi, Esther, Brenda, Fauziya.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes, that they will be well cared for: Matronah, Blessing, Farouk, Michael, Winnie, Tina, Mungu, Sophie, Pony, Annet, Acram, Shakirah, Carol, Don, Emma, Oscar, Cocus, Edwin, Mary, Joshua, Jimmy, Sharifa, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Bright.
- 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 and for the use of our land. Pray that many children and families will come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.
- 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.

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 42 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Florence, Reagan, Blessing, Tina, Max, Junior, Mungu, Matronah, Michael, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Hope, Jacob, Andrew, Rebecca, Bright, Jimmy, Jennifer, Ivan, Farouk Acram, Sharifa, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Sophie, Winnie, 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 us by email: sara@rafikiministries.org

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Webale! (Thank you!) We thank God for you!

Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries

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, ..."
- **SERVE** on the mission field and come to Uganda. (Romans 12:6-8)
- **CONNECT** the ministry with local churches, rotary clubs, schools, businesses, friends and family.
- **SPEAK UP** and tell their story. Proverbs 31:8-9 says "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, ..."