



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26



**Thankful for
Engineering
Ministries
International
(eMi)
Partnership!!**

Jamiee Schmidt, Jim Jose, Phil Greene, Claire Lugaajju, Raymond Ainamani, Elliot Martin, Joseph Kiwanuka, Ken Gray (not shown: Jenn Wells)

Engineering Ministries International (eMI) exists to transform lives by providing hope to the poorest of the poor. eMI is a Christian ministry that designs facilities that serve the poor in developing countries. These facilities (including hospitals, orphanages, schools, clean water projects and more) directly impact communities by meeting physical needs and communicating God's love in a practical way.

Rafiki Africa Ministries is so thankful for this partnership with eMI. We have been building a relationship with eMI over the past few years. eMI has previously helped us with doing an initial topographical survey of the ministry land and assisting us with finding a reputable water drilling company to install a borehole.



eMI partners with Christian workers, pastors, and other non-profit organizations who have a vision to help the poor and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. eMI has offices located around the world including in Kampala, Uganda. They have over 100 staff and interns that labor to bring the Gospel to the poorest and least reached peoples on earth. Since 1982, eMI has worked on over 1,000 relief and development projects in 90+ countries.

eMi and Rafiki met to discuss a master plan vision for the future Rafiki Children's Village.

eMI has put together an amazing team of structural engineers, civil engineers, architects, a quantity surveyor, and even a social worker. This team joined us on Monday, January 30th. This multi-disciplinary Master Planning effort will seek to accommodate the following programs on Rafiki's 6-acre site: Transitional Children's Home, Guest House, Multi-Purpose Building, Nursery and Primary school, and Agricultural space. eMI will also develop conceptual designs for Rafiki's first-phase structures – the Transitional Children's Home and the Guest House.

The cost of this project is \$6,600 USD plus accommodation and food for the team for the week. Please check out the eMI website at emiea.org for more information.

If you would like to donate to this project, please donate online at www.rafikiministries.org and designate the gift for eMI team.



**Ken Gray, Architect from Kentucky
Joseph Kiwanuka, Director of Rafiki**



**Elliot Martin, EMI Engineering Intern,
and Jaimee Schmidt, Civil Engineer,
taking soil samples.**



**Jim Jose, Architect, and
Phil Greene, Structural Engineer,
taking measurements on the land.**



The eMI team involved the entire Rafiki Family when discussing what we would like to see on the land in the future. They asked staff questions about what they need to help take care of the children on a daily basis. The team involved the children by having them draw pictures of what they want their dream home to look like. The kids had so much fun thinking about what their future home would be. **We might have some future engineers and architects at the Rafiki Home.**

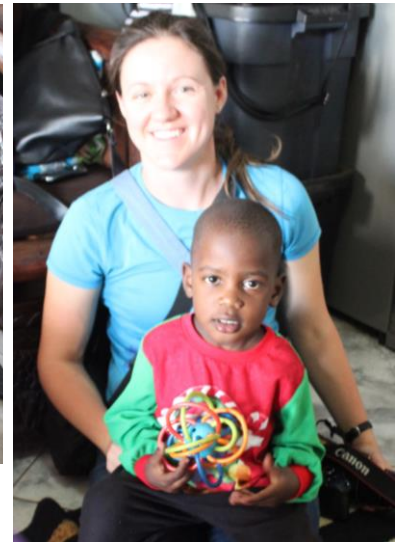
**Elliot and Raymond, eMI Interns,
assisting the kids with designs.**



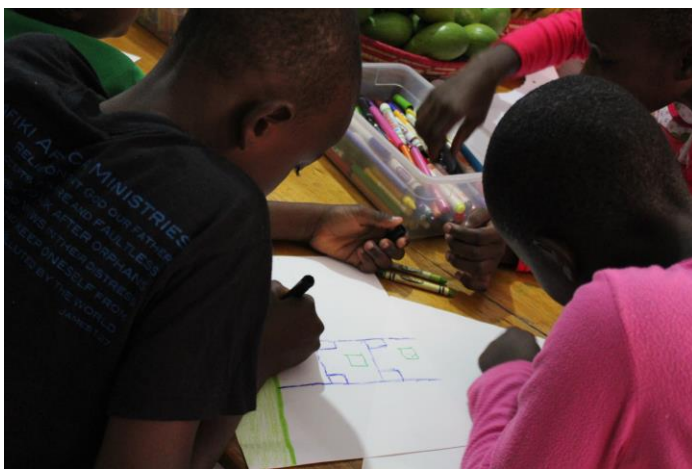
Fauziya showing her home.



Jacob and Junior drawing their dream home



Jaimee Schmidt, Civil Engineer, with Junior



Joel's design is very detailed!



Brenda so excited to be a part of this!!

Make Rafiki a Goal for 2017!

January is the time for new starts, and we would love it if you joined us in committing to personally raising funds for Rafiki's life-giving work with children and families during 2017!

Whether it's by running a triathlon, baking cakes, hosting a party or climbing a mountain, there are lots of different ways you and your friends can fundraise – and have heaps of fun at the same time. The New Year is a time for new starts. We would love it if you joined us in giving vulnerable children new starts this year.

#MyRafikiGoal2017

Pledge to Raise Funds for Rafiki Africa Ministries Children's Home in Uganda!

- Throw a Party |
- Do a Triathlon
- Bake cakes |
- Host a quiz night
- Have a Yard sale |
- Shave your head
- Put on a concert |
- Organize a Picnic
- Hold an Auction |
- Run a Games Tournament
- Climb a Mountain
- Grow a Beard |
- Cook a pancake Breakfast.



What will you do to help further the Kingdom of God? #MyRafikiGoal2017

**"Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have."
2 Corinthians 8:11-12, NLT**

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for this partnership with Engineering Ministries International (eMi)!
- Pray for this Engineering Team and the Rafiki Directors as they discuss future vision for the ministry land. Pray that God will be a part of all discussions and lead the team in making decisions.
- Pray for our newest children – Andrew, Hope, and Jacob. Pray for God to give us monthly partners to help with caring for their needs.
- 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: 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 and resources. 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 39 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Florence, Reagan, Blessing, Tina, Max, Junior, Mungu, Matronah, Michael, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, 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, ..."