



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

*Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ*

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**“From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.”**

**Psalm 8:2**

## Moving Day!



The day finally came to pack our bags and move to the new rental property for the Children's Home. The plan is that this will be our home until we can move to our forever home on our land in Kakiri Village. We are praying that we will be able to build a large Children's Home, multi-purpose building, and school within the next 3-5 years. We will be so excited for the day that we are rent-free. We have begun fundraising so that we can build!! Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about the vision for the ministry land and how Rafiki Africa Ministries is serving the community.

The Rafiki staff spent a week getting the new home ready for the children to move. The house needed some repairs and maintenance before it was time to move in. The landlord painted the entire house inside and out, so the house looks different from the last newsletter. Some of our artistic staff members painted murals in each of the rooms. We wanted the new home to be a surprise for the kids so the staff got everything ready before the kids spent their first night. We moved everything in only 2 days...well, everything except for the kid's mattresses so that they had something to sleep on. ☺

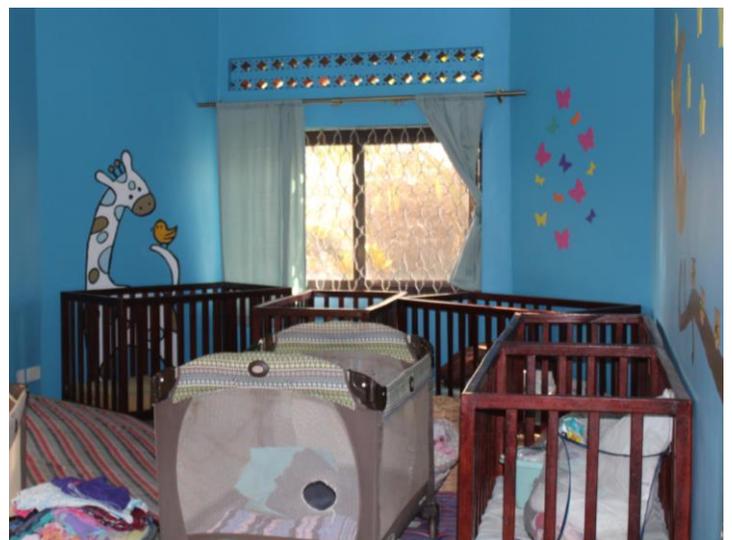


The kids slept on their mattresses on the floor in the old home while their beds were being put together by our carpenter in the new house. In this picture, the girls are doing cartwheels and somersaults in their bedroom. The kids told me that they had the most fun sleepover party! I'm pretty sure they stayed up all night laughing and giggling. They were so excited to see the new house the following day.



**Rafiki Employees  
working hard to get the  
house move-in ready!!**

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love  
endures forever.” 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 16:34**





**The boys and girls  
checking out their new  
bedrooms!**

**Seeing the joy and  
happiness in their faces  
was priceless!**



**“Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you  
and praise your name,  
for in perfect faithfulness  
you have done  
wonderful things,  
things planned long ago.”  
Isaiah 25:1**



← **Our first devotion time in the new home!! We spent the time lifting up the Lord for His faithfulness in providing for His children. God is good all the time!!**

**“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6**

### **Ways YOU can pray for us this month –**

- Praise God for His provision of finances to move to a larger rental property to serve as the Rafiki Children’s Home.
- Praise God that everything went smoothly with the big move to the new home.
- 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 Sara’s future trip to the US in October. 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: 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](mailto: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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, ..."