



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Psalms 23:1

Happy Father’s Day!

I know we celebrated Father’s Day almost two weeks ago on June 19th. But I have to say “Happy Father’s Day” to all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers in Christ, and supportive men in our lives. Joseph was especially excited to celebrate this Father’s Day as it is his first as an expecting dad. He is excited at becoming a new father (hopefully sometime in the next week or so – due date is July 6th).

When I was a little girl, my father was always saying, “Don’t touch that!”, “Be careful. You are going to hurt yourself!”, and my favorite, “Stop hitting your brother!” My father protected me, disciplined me, and taught me the difference between right and wrong. Thank you, Dad, for being an amazing father!! As I grew older, I realized that God is our Heavenly Father and wants to teach us, protect us and discipline us when we do something wrong. I am so thankful that God gave me a wonderful dad to raise me. When I see so many fatherless children on this earth I am especially thankful that God is our Father, our Protector, our Disciplinarian, our Comforter, and our Strength. Thank you, God, for being an amazing Father!!!!

Look closely at Don’s teeth – all of his teeth are black and rotted. ►

Update on Don and Carol

A lot has happened in the past month since I sent out the last ministry newsletter. Don and Carol have adjusted well to the orphanage. They have become part of the family. We noticed that Don’s teeth are black and rotted. The week after we left Uganda, our administrator/manager was able to take Don to a local dentist to get his teeth checked out. The dentist told us that all of Don’s teeth except for 3 of them are rotted and in horrible condition. He said that if we do not do something soon then his teeth will become abscessed and infected. The infection could even spread to his bloodstream which could be fatal.



We are thankful that God placed Don into our care at just the right time for him to receive the dental treatment he needs. Don has an appointment scheduled this Tuesday on July 5th with the dentist to have the rotten teeth extracted followed by extensive cleaning. He will be given anesthesia for the procedure. He will have to have routine visits every 6 months.

Please pray for this dental procedure and for Don to not experience too much pain. Please pray for our staff and volunteers as they care for Don after this procedure. I would like to express a special thank you to the family of our summer missionary, Kelsey, who is donating the funds to pay for the dental work.



HIV Testing for Don and Carol

▲ Mama Sara is holding Don, and Kelsey (summer missionary) is holding Carol as the kids get tested for HIV.

Praise God!! Both Don and Carol tested negative for HIV. Due to the high rate of HIV in Uganda, we test all of our children for HIV so that we are aware of their status. All of our children in the orphanage have tested negative for HIV. God is AWESOME!!

Don smiled during the entire time his blood was being withdrawn. It didn't seem to bother him in the least that he was being stuck with a needle. It was amusing for us as we watched his cheerfulness. I have never seen anyone happy about getting poked with a needle. Poor Carol, on the other hand, watched in horror as the doctor worked on Don first and then her. She did not like the look of the needle. Kelsey, a nursing student who is volunteering at the orphanage for the summer, helped hold Carol as the doctor withdrew blood. Kelsey was great at consoling Carol and giving her special attention.



Planting trees at Amahoro Orphanage

Before we left Uganda, Joseph and I were blessed to meet a wonderful Ugandan couple that runs an orphanage not far from our home. We had the opportunity to visit their orphanage and meet all of the beautiful children they are caring for. We visited their home and saw their farm. At Amahoro, all visitors are given a baby tree to plant on their land and name. The trees serve as a remembrance of the visitors that have come. As the visitors return to the orphanage, they can see their tree producing fruit and providing food for the home. I was given a mango tree to plant and Joseph was given an orange tree. Our baby trees should grow into adult trees over the next couple of years and begin to produce fruit.

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

God Bless You!

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka

Director and Founder of Rafiki Africa Ministries

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

- Praise that Joseph and I arrived safely in Texas!! We are excited to see all of our family and friends!
- Praise that we are able to communicate with our staff and kids in the home. Skype has been an amazing communication tool that allows to see and talk to the children.
- Praise that Joseph has fully recovered from his bout with malaria.
- Pray for Don as he will have a dental procedure this upcoming week on Tuesday, July 5th.
- Pray for Joseph and I as we are expecting our first child, a baby girl. Our due date is July 6th. Pray for a safe and healthy delivery for both Mom and baby.
- Pray for our volunteers, Kelsey and Michelle, as they serve at the orphanage alongside our staff. Pray for guidance and wisdom as they minister in the home.
- Praise for Mary!! Her seizure medication at a good level and her seizures are currently under control.
- Pray that Uganda's foundation and government will be based on the Lord. Pray for the leaders of the country as they make decisions for the people. Pray that God's kingdom will reign and his righteousness and justice will rule.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment that God will show his desires for the ministry to the staff.
- Pray that Rafiki Africa Ministries will always be in the center of God's will.
- Pray against any attacks of the enemy.
- Pray for God's protection over the Rafiki Home.
- Pray for God's continued guidance in rearing these beautiful children.
- Pray for our staff that takes care of the children daily – that they will be strengthened and continue to show God's love to the children.
- Pray that God will be a light in these children's lives and the children will ultimately come to know the Lord personally.
- Pray that God will continue to provide for our needs as we grow and that God will be glorified.
- Pray that we will continue to be good stewards of the money we receive for the ministry.
- Pray and Praise for everyone that is helping to support the ministry through prayer, service, and donations.

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 \$30 per month OR any amount you wish. Every little bit helps keep Rafiki Africa Home running. We have 11 children currently in the home (listed from youngest to oldest) Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, 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. You can sponsor a child as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me by email: sarainfrica@yahoo.com

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