



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” Matthew 6:25 NKJV

Please Pray for Mary

Mary has cerebral palsy and we suspect that she may have epilepsy, too. We are taking her to the doctor this week to see if there is medication that can help her. She is the sweetest little girl and tiny for a 6 year old. She is constantly on the move and is able to walk but falls frequently. It's possible that epileptic seizures are the cause of her falls.



◀ Mama Sara,
Jerom, Mary, Joel

Fauziya, Jerom, ▶
Mary, Joel



We are Expecting!

◀ Sara is 18 weeks pregnant in this photo (Due Date: July 6th, 2011)



Many of you have already heard about the baby on the way. But we wanted to share our happy news with everyone! Joseph and I are both really excited and can't wait to introduce our new baby boy or girl into this world.

I am now 22 weeks pregnant (as of Wednesday). I have been feeling the baby kick more and more. God is amazing! God designed us with every little detail in mind and he knew someday I would be feeling the joys of becoming a new mom. We went for a check-up and ultrasound at 20 weeks. We were happy to hear that the baby is healthy and developing on track. We tried to get the baby to move and give us a peek of whether it is a boy or girl. The baby did an entire flip but kept its legs crossed during the entire ultrasound. Our modest little baby decided to keep us in suspense a little longer. ☺

I never realized how much energy the baby would take from me. I have been feeling a little under the weather the past few days from migraines a cold. Being sick, has caused me not to be able to get as much work done as I would like. Even though I am a registered nurse, I have never been a good patient. Joseph has been the best husband in the world and has been taking care of me.

Pray that I allow this time to rest and heal and do not try to overwork myself. Please pray for the overall health of the baby.

Traveling to Texas & Hiring an Administrator

This year, Joseph and I are planning to be in Texas for 6 months. We feel that God wants us to have our baby in Texas. Since we will be away from the orphanage for some time we are planning to leave Uganda at the latest possible date. We will be leaving Uganda at the beginning of June which is the latest I can fly while pregnant. We are excited for this opportunity to spend some time in Texas with our friends and family. Pray for us as we prepare in the next months for leaving Uganda (my second home) and going back to Texas (my first home). I feel blessed and torn to have two homes....emotionally I am just a mess. I blame it on the baby. Haha! We are looking forward to be available for sharing about the amazing work God is doing through the ministry. We will be available for speaking engagements. We know it is a little early but if you wish to schedule us to speak to your church, school, rotary club, etc., please let us know by emailing me at: sarainfrica@yahoo.com.

Since we will be gone from the Rafiki home for some time this year, Joseph and I have been praying about hiring an administrator to be in charge of the home while we are away. We are searching and praying for the perfect person to take this new job position. Please pray alongside us that God will guide us in making this decision.



◀ Picture taken before elections during the campaigning season. This Ugandan has decorated his motorbike (boda boda) with dried banana leaves.

Presidential Elections

Uganda finished their presidential elections on Sunday, February 20th, and has announced Yoweri Museveni, who has been president since 1986, as the winner. There have been many accusations of widespread bribery, ballot stuffing, intimidation of voters, and overall corruption. The election observers submitted a statement saying that the elections were not run fairly. The opposition presidential candidates announced that the ballots should be re-counted or a re-run of elections should take place. They have called for peaceful demonstrations and protests (similar to the ones that started in Egypt). They are urging the Ugandan people to not stand for an unfair election. Earlier this week, some men tried to peacefully protest in Kampala but it was quickly squashed by the police. The police beat many of the men with clubs and chased them away. Museveni has the army and police out in full force which is making Ugandans scared. The police have made a statement saying that the people do not have the right to protest peacefully.

As this is a difficult time for Uganda and its people, please pray for the country and its people. Pray that Uganda's foundation and government will be based on the Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

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 for Brenda! She has healed wonderfully from malaria and is back at school. Thank you for your prayers!
- Pray for Mary and her caregivers. Pray that we will be able to give her the best care possible. Pray that if she is epileptic that medicine will be available and affordable.
- Pray for Sara and the expected baby. Pray that God will heal her from debilitating migraines and for her health. Pray that she will have time to rest and heal and not be overworked.
- Please pray alongside us as we make the decision to hire an administrator for the Rafiki Home. Pray that God will reveal the person he intends for this new job position.
- Pray for the current situation in Uganda following the February 18th presidential elections. 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 as their Savior and Lord and have a personal relationship with Him.
- 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.

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 9 children currently in the home (listed from youngest to oldest) 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: sarinafrica@yahoo.com

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