



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1st Corinthians 15:58



◀ Jerom, age 3, at the Rafiki Home

Each night at the Rafiki Home, we have a devotional time with the kids and staff. We sing praise and worship songs and read a bible story. We are currently using a children's devotional book called "100 Bible Heroes". One night our bible story was about Bezalel found in Exodus 26 & 31. God told Moses to build a meeting tent and said that He had given Bezalel the ability to help him. Bezalel used his abilities to honor God.

After the story, we asked the kids, "How can you use the abilities you have to honor God?". Jerom answered, "God has given me the ability to speak the truth". I have to tell you that I was such a proud Mama when I heard Jerom's response. I had to share his story with you, his sponsors, who are making it possible for him to learn more about God each and every day.



School Fees – Due May 23rd

The kids finished their first term of the school year on April 15th. There are three terms each year with breaks in between. Right now, the kids are on holiday and are enjoying their break from school. The kids are given exams at the end of each term to show their progress. We received reports and results of their exams from their teachers. We are proud to report that Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, and Joshua all did an excellent job on their exams and end of term results.

The second school term starts May 23rd. School fees are due by this date. If you would like to sponsor a child's education, please consider giving \$150 for the school term or any amount you wish to give to help toward the tuition for a child. This amount includes school supplies, tuition fees, and all meals at school. You can send a check to our P.O. Box marked school fees. Please notify me by email if you would like to sponsor a child's education: sarainafrika@yahoo.com

Volunteers coming to help at the Rafiki Home

We have two college nursing students coming this month to help at the Rafiki Home. Michelle is a nursing student from West Texas A&M University and Kelsey is a nursing student from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (my alma mater – GO CRU!). We are excited to have them stay with us at the Rafiki Home. They are both planning to stay with us for two months during the summer returning to their families in July. Please pray for their preparations as they finish this semester of school and leave their families. Pray for safe travels to Uganda.



▲ Fauziya



▲ Joel



▲ Oscar



▲ Brenda



▲ Joshua



▲ Esther & Jerom

Letters of Life

Children here in Uganda treasure letters. They love getting letters, cards, artwork, or pictures from people outside of Uganda. If you could see the joy on the kid's faces when they receive a letter, you would understand why they are so meaningful. Not only are letter exchanges fun, but sponsorship letters are full of information, prayers, and encouragement. The children read their letters over and over again and ask if we know their new friend. This week, the children at the Rafiki Home are very excited to be using their creative minds to draw beautiful pictures for their sponsors. They have created amazing works of art. If you are currently sponsoring a child, your letters are on their way!

Writing letters strengthens the bond between a child and their sponsor, but it also makes your sponsorship real. As you learn more about your child, you know how to better encourage and pray for them. Exchanging letters with a child is just one aspect of our Child Sponsorship Program. For just \$30 per month or any amount you wish, you will help toward providing a child with a loving home environment, daily food, medical care, and an education. Your child will also have the opportunity to learn about God and His life-changing love.

You can send letters of life and encouragement to a child in Uganda. Letters can be mailed to:

Uganda Rafiki Africa Ministries, P.O. Box 14468, Kireka, Kampala, Uganda, East Africa.

Please do not send packages or anything of value because it might not arrive and we might have to pay duties.

Sponsor a Child today! Prayerfully consider sponsoring one of the 9 children currently living at the Rafiki Home. If you decide you would like to sponsor a child please notify me by email: sarainafrika@yahoo.com

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!– I have been suffering from a cold and sinus infection for the past several weeks. I have begun to feel much better and my cough has cleared up. Thank you for your prayers! It means the world to me!
- Pray this month as Joseph and I finish last minute details and prepare for leaving Uganda on June 1st.
- Pray for our nursing volunteers, Kelsey and Michelle, coming this month to help at the Rafiki Home. Pray for safety as they travel to Uganda.
- Pray for Joseph's grandmother as she heals from a broken leg. Pray that she will have enough strength.
- Pray for Mary as we try to get her on the right medication for her seizures. We are still adjusting her medication to find the right level for her.
- 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 and for God's protection over the home, children, and staff.
- 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.
- 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: sarainfrica@yahoo.com

Donations can be made payable to and mailed to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries

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