



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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Website: www.rafikiministries.com

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

First weeks in the home for Jerom

Since Jerom arrived he has been scared of me, the “mzungu” (white person). I was the first “mzungu” he had ever seen. He looked at me like I was an alien from outer space. He did not know how to react around me. He cried when I tried to pick him up and he would leave the room quickly whenever I entered. I caught him sneaking a peek at me a couple of times behind the door trying to size me up. After a few days, he realized that I am not someone to be afraid of and I received my first hug when I returned home one day after running errands in town. I felt excited and happy that he had finally warmed up to me. Now, he always gives me a hug and smile. He is very happy and smiles all of the time.



**In this picture, the kids are eating popcorn as an afternoon snack.
From the left – Joshua, Jerom, Joel, Oscar, Annet, and Fauziya**

Wedding Plans

In the picture below on the left, Joseph is trying on his suit for the wedding. Our colors for the wedding are different shades of pink. We are using African items as decorations, such as drums and ebyanzis. An ebyanzi is a black vase decorated with beads. It is used to serve milk to the family on the day of the wedding. We are sad that there are many that cannot come to Uganda to celebrate with us. However, we are very excited and looking forward to our wedding day on Saturday, September 18th, 2010. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate this special day.

Please keep my family in your prayers as my Mom and Dad travel from Texas to Uganda for the wedding. My Aunt, Debbie Sessions, arrived last week for the wedding. Below on the right is a picture with her and the kids at the Rafiki Home.



Joseph Kiwanuka



"Auntie Debbie"

Coming to Texas in October

I will be coming to Texas on October 19th, 2010. I will be fundraising for Rafiki Africa Ministries and raising awareness of orphaned or destitute children in Uganda. I will be in Texas from mid-October to the end of December. I will be available to speak at churches, schools, etc. about the Rafiki Home. If you would like more information or would like to schedule me to speak, please email me sarainfrica@yahoo.com.



Host a Rafiki Bead Party

Would you like to host a party at your home? Do you and your friends want to learn more about the Rafiki Home and what God is doing in Uganda? You can support the ministry by hosting a Rafiki bead party. Crafts from Uganda will be displayed and available for purchase. Sara Hamilton, Founder and Director of Rafiki Africa Ministries, will be available to ask questions.

Matching Gifts – Double the Value of your Gift!!

More than 75,000 companies nationwide match charitable contributions, doubling the value of your gift! To find out if you or your spouse's employer (or parent company) will match your gift, please contact your Human Resources department and obtain the appropriate matching gift form.

Please mail your completed form to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries
RE: Matching Gifts Program
P.O. Box 3526
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

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

God Bless You!

Sara Hamilton
Director and Founder of Rafiki Africa Ministries

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

- Pray for my family is a joyful day of celebration and gives God the glory.
- Pray for God's as my aunt, mom, and dad come to our wedding on Saturday, September 18th, 2010.
- Pray for Mary. She has many special needs due to Cerebral Palsy. Please pray that God will give us strength, patience, and knowledge as we care for her.
- Pray our wedding 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.
- 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 7 children currently in the home – Annet, Fauziya, Mary, Oscar, Jerom, Joel, 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: sarinaafrica@yahoo.com

Monetary Donations Needed to Purchase:

School Fees for Fauziya, Joel, & Oscar - \$150 for each child

Immunizations - \$50 for each child

Used Van - \$9,000 total

Car Seat – \$150

Special High Chair for Mary – \$200

Extra mattresses – \$60 each

Classroom – Tables and Benches \$100

Classroom – Large Chalkboard with stand \$75

2-Year Work Permit in Uganda – \$500

Plane Ticket to the U.S. for fundraising purposes – \$1700

Donations Needed:

***Digital camera – The camera we use for the ministry was stolen from my purse when I was in town.**

***New or gently used children's clothes (average year round temperature 80° days, 60° nights)**

***Age appropriate toys**

***Children's movies on DVD**

***Arts & Crafts – construction paper, beads, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, etc.**

New or used projector (for speaking engagements in the U.S.)

*The items above may be taken to Uganda in a suitcase. Please contact Jo Hamilton at 512-750-8047 in Pflugerville, Texas.

Donations can be made payable to and mailed to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries

P.O. Box 3526

Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:12-13 NIV

We are a non-profit organization in the State of Texas. 100% of money raised goes to helping orphaned and destitute children in Uganda. Rafiki is classified as a 501(c)(3) charity and contributions to Rafiki are tax deductible under Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the tax code. Rafiki is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code. This exemption is retroactive from the date of filing the 501(c)(3). For further clarification, contact Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681.

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