



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

August 1, 2010 Newsletter

Website: [www.rafikiministries.com](http://www.rafikiministries.com)

**“But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.” Psalm 5:11**



## ◀ New addition to the Rafiki Home - Oscar

Oscar is only 3 ½ years old. He comes from a slum area on the outskirts of Kampala. Oscar was abandoned by his mother when he was just a baby. His Jjaja (grandmother) began caring for him when he was 6 months old. Oscar's grandmother is dying of AIDS and was desperately searching for a home for little Oscar. Jjaja means grandmother in Luganda, the local language in Kampala.

The other children in the home were excited the day we brought Oscar into the home. They welcomed their new brother. Joel and Joshua especially love playing with Oscar.

◀ The pictures on the left show Oscar on his first night at the Rafiki Home getting dressed for bed.

Oscar is adjusting very well. He had diarrhea the first night but has not had it since. He has a runny nose and cough but all of the children had that when they first arrived in the home. I think he was scared of me at first but now he gives me the biggest hugs. The first couple of days, he would stare at me non-stop trying to see what I was going to do next. Now that he has realized I am not an alien he is okay with me. Ha Ha Ha!! Whenever I get home after running errands, he always gives me the best hugs and never wants to let go. He is the sweetest little boy with the best smile. He has the cutest dimples.

If you would like to sponsor Oscar, please let me know through email: [sarainfrica@yahoo.com](mailto:sarainfrica@yahoo.com).



## Bombings Kill over 60 people in Kampala

During the World Cup on Sunday night July 10, 2010, two separate bombs went off in the city of Kampala killing over 60 people and wounding many more. One American who was volunteering with the Invisible Children organization was killed in the bombings. Many of the wounded were taken to Mulago Hospital (local government hospital) to receive treatment. Many people are still recovering from the bombings. We are very thankful that God has protected the Rafiki Home from this terrible tragedy.

Please remember the families affected by this tragedy in your prayers. Pray for comfort and healing for the nation during this difficult time.



◀ **Fauziya and Annet**

**Above pictures** – Fauziya is on the left side and Annet is on the right side. They are playing on the front porch.



**Bottom picture** – Fauziya and Annet are playing with the drum we use during devotion time every night. The children love playing with the drum and listening to the beautiful sounds it makes.

**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!**

### **Please Pray:**

- Pray for the families that have been affected by the bombings in Kampala.
- 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 for Mary, our 6 year old with cerebral palsy, who is developmentally delayed and requires a lot of care.
- PRAISE God for his provision for us and PRAY that God will bless our Rafiki friends beyond measure.

### **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 5 children currently in the home – Annet, Fauziya, Mary, Oscar, 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: [sarainafrika@yahoo.com](mailto:sarainafrika@yahoo.com)

### **Monetary Donations Needed to Purchase:**

**Used Van – \$9,000 total**

**Sewing Machine – \$150**

**Car Seat for Annet – \$150**

**Special High Chair for Mary (Cerebral Palsy) – \$200**

**Extra mattresses for volunteers – \$60 each**

**Classroom – Tables and Benches \$100**

**Classroom – Large Chalkboard with stand \$75**

**School Supplies – \$20**

**2-Year Work Permit in Uganda – \$500**

**Plane Ticket to the U.S. – \$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 use with a computer (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**

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