



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

June 15, 2010 Newsletter

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

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13: 4-7**

## Rafiki Home’s Six Month Anniversary!!

The Rafiki Home has been up and running for 6 months. In that amount of time, we have brought five orphaned children into the home. The ministry has forever changed the lives of these beautiful children. Thank you for being a blessing to the children by providing for their physical needs and helping them learn more about their Savior and Lord. Thank you for supporting us through your prayers and donations.



### ◀ Mary Holding Her Cup

Mary can now hold her cup and feed herself!! Hallelujah!! This might not sound like a big deal but this is a huge accomplishment for Mary who has cerebral palsy. When Mary first came to the Rafiki Home, she could not grasp any objects or hold her cup. Now, she can feed herself!!

### New Washing Machine ▶

Can you imagine washing clothes for 5 kids by hand everyday? Including dirty nappies? To be honest, hand washing clothes is not anyone’s favorite job. God blessed one of our sponsoring families with a bonus and they forwarded God’s blessing by giving us the money to buy this gorgeous washing machine. It has been such a blessing!! Thank you!!!!



### NGO Certificate and Work Permit

Praise God!! We received our Ugandan NGO (non-governmental organization) approval this past week. Thank you for all of the continued support and prayers. I was waiting for our NGO certificate to be approved before I could be granted a work permit to allow me to continue to live and work in Uganda. I have been approved to work in Uganda for the next two years. The work permit will cost \$250/year – total of \$500 USD.



## ◀ Upcoming Wedding Plans

Joseph Kiwanuka helped found and is serving as Co-Director of Rafiki Africa Ministries. Joseph and I met at Sanyu Babies Home, an orphanage for babies, in Kampala, Uganda two years ago. He was leading a mission team from Empower a Child and I was with a mission team from Loving One By One. Joseph had been abstaining from dating believing that God would lead him to the woman to be his wife. I was ok with being single but prayed that if God wanted me to marry that my husband would be the man God chose for me. God is giving me the desire of my heart...a wonderful Christian man who shares my passion for ministry!

Joseph and I are excited to announce our wedding. We will be getting married in Uganda at the Kampala Baptist Church on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Joseph and I would like to share our happiness with everyone. We are thankful for the support of our church family.

The kids at the Rafiki Home are excited and cannot wait to be a part of the wedding. The girls, Annet and Fauziya, are going to be flower girls in the wedding. The girls are trying on their flower girl dresses in the pictures on the left.

**“The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’”**                      **Genesis 2:18**

**“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.”**    **Proverbs 18:22**

## 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 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.
- Praise – received the NGO (non-governmental organization) approval for Uganda!!
- Praise – received 2-year Work Permit from the Ugandan government which allows me, Sara Hamilton, to continue to live and work in Uganda.

### **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, 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 – \$200**  
**Dressers for boys & girls room – \$100 each**  
**Extra mattresses for volunteers – \$60 each**  
**Classroom – Tables and Benches \$100**  
**Classroom – Large Chalkboard with stand \$75**  
**School Supplies – \$20**  
**Educational Posters – \$10**  
**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 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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