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Performance on a wedding in Bulenga



A wedding is a once in a life time event that crosses ones path. During such moments, people are always filled with all sorts of emotions. Some fill sad about letting go of things they always held dearly, others are filled with joy because they finally have a chance to settle down with their partners till death do them apart. For the parents, delight is what they have as they happen to see their babies start their final chapters in life, they get relieved to see their kids finally settle with one person they are really sure of and in the end, grieve because they won't be seeing them as often as they used to.

On the Rainbow flavahz alongside the brass band happened to be witnesses to such moments. Two lovers said their vows before an emotional congregation. The brass band played tunes that made the day warm and enjoyable while the flavahz kept their audience smiling and entertained to the fullest of their abilities. They performed cultural dances from Buganda, Acholi and western Uganda and in the end, left their audience yearning for more.

I clearly recall one of the invited guests say that he hated weddings because married couples today only last for less than a year before they finally file for divorce. HHHhhmmm.....!!! The perfect excuse for those who want to stay single.

Brenda k.



RHU tailor shop in place

We are proud to say that we finally managed to get or rent room space at one of the prominent art and crafts markets in Kampala. The room is currently acting as a shop where our own tailor made products and crafts are made and sold. Lucky enough, the shop is run by one of our former tailoring students, Kirabo fatumah who has been working as a tailor for the past two years after finishing her tailoring course. Items sold consist of unique designs made from quality fabrics and also well made pieces of crafts. You can visit and shop there when you happen to be in Kampala and grab yourself some of our relatively cheap products. Please remember that we also work on orders of different designs. Feel free to grab yourself some of our items at relatively cheap prices.



Archbishop Janan Luwum's day



On the 16th of this month, one of Uganda's archbishops is celebrated as a martyr in the Anglican Church. After being invited to attend a rally with the former president of Uganda, HE Idi Amin Dada, Janan Luwum was kidnapped along with two other ministers. He was the archbishop of the church of Uganda from 1974 to 1977 and during his reign, he always stood for the truth despite the dictatorial rule of the president Amin. His death aroused a lot of questions and so many allegations also came up. Some say that he was murdered and buried in a mass grave; others say that his body was found riddled with bullets before being given to his family. He left a widow and nine children. Our current president led the celebrations to commemorate his death and also present was a former soldier of Amin who was ordered to bury him and during his speech; the soldier narrated his ordeal before thousands of people in the crowd. He is a recognized martyr in London at the Westminster Abbey and on the 17th of February, he is also celebrated in the lesser festival.

Education at a high cost

In Uganda today, the rising cost of education is forcing more and more children to drop out of school. At RHU, kids are taken in or admitted almost every month with an aim of attaining a chance to go to school and as well as to acquire skills offered there. Unfortunately, not all the children and youth at RHU can get the chance to go to school due to the rising costs of education in the country. Most of the kids and youth are graduating to other classes, you find that as the level of education gets high,, even the cost gets higher. Then what will happen to the needy and poor families that are struggling to make ends meet? Most of them are now resorting to child labor. I appeal to all of you out there, who have ever spent a coin for a child at RHU to go to school to please keep it up because in the long run, few of them will be able to go to school. Very soon, education will only be for the rich. Imagine the kind of future that awaits the poor child at rainbow at the end of it all.



Rhu kids with some of their long term sponsors

New kids on the block

I introduce you to the second generation of dancers at Rainbow. Their abilities and energy can be evidently recognized despite their feeble bodies. They range from 12 to 6 years of age but what they do with their bodies makes them look like they are 2 or 3 years than they appear. They have been groomed to perform cultural, contemporary, creative and modern dance pieces. Watch the space because you are going to be seeing most of them perform alongside the older dancers in energetic and competitive performances. The youngsters rehearse twice a week after school and I can't help but marvel at how fast they learn and grasp those dance moves that seem to be bone breaking. Keep it up my youngsters.

Francis Kyeyune



Personality of the month

Name:

Kyalisiima Grace

Occupation:

Hairdressing instructor

Any impression about RHU

So far:

Rhu is a resting place for kids with heavy burdens. I was so touched by the way the Administrators freely interacted with the kids. Its rare to find.

Any challenges so far:

Not any i can mention at the moment except for some small disturbances in class.

As a skilled trainer, how do you find the fact that people still handwork as an option for illitrates:

Its really absurd because the rate of unemployment Is high today and yet some people still think skills are for failures. But am so happy with what Rainbow is doing because once you learn a skill, it is part of you for life. You can never forget it.

