

Meet Mrs. Kiagiri, RCE Campus Secretary

What attracted you to serve at Redwood Christian Schools (RCS)?

I have been a parent since the fall of 2016 and have had numerous opportunities to volunteer in my children's classes and other activities in the school. I saw the selflessness, sacrifice and joy in the faculty and staff and prayed that if I ever went back into the workforce, God would put me in a similar environment. For a lot of those I interacted with, serving at Redwood is more of a ministry than a job.

Tell us about your family and how they are looking forward to this new opportunity.

My husband (Christopher) and I met in March 2009 and got married in December of the same year. We have two children; Kayla (7½) going into second grade and Kian (5½) going into kindergarten. I am looking forward to using the different skills and knowledge that I gained in my previous jobs to contribute to the success of RCS.

My children are excited to have me at the school all day and my husband is glad that I am helping pay the bills -- I jest, but as a family, we are thankful to God for the chance to more fully integrate our lives with a new area of ministry.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I love rain!! My favorite thing bar none is to sit on our porch, with a cup of tea, watching and listening to the rain fall. I love the rainbow too, so I like bright colors. I am partial to anything that has to do with water so I enjoy cleaning and organizing.

My husband and I enjoy watching and playing golf and basketball. I played varsity and professional basketball back home in Kenya. With our kids, we enjoy being in the park, riding, swimming and watching movies together.

What did you do before serving at RCS?

Back in Kenya, I was in Media and Audience Research and a large part of my job included product development, strategy and marketing – first full time then as a consultant when I had kids. I was also involved in BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) for 11 years, seven of which I was teaching and assisting with supervision in the children's program. When we moved to the US, I was a stay-at-home mom.

Why do you think a Christian education is important for families to consider?

"God is the Creator and Sustainer of everyone and everything ... Nothing happens except through Him and by His will" (New City Catechism). If we hold this to be true, then it behooves us to educate our children in light of it. We were created by Him and for His glory. Everything on earth points back to Him and we are only stewards, not owners. Our children need to know this, so when they are interacting with each other and with the world, they understand the reason for existence of the earth and the responsibility we have to care and tend to it until Christ returns.

We know it's early, but what do you love the most about RCS so far?

I have been an RCS parent for two years and in that time I have loved seeing the values lived out and the encouraging way the teachers shepherd the children, especially with the growth mindset. Opportunities to volunteer in their classes has given me a chance to be an active part of their education process.

As a new member of the RCS staff, my high point so far was having members of the faculty come and pray for me – I can't even begin to express what that means to me. Knowing that the leadership, faculty and staff are dependent on God and show it through consistent prayer is priceless. The warmth and encouragement I have already received from those I have met has been tremendous.

How do you hope to make a difference in the lives of RCS students?

I hope that I can be an example of Christ's love to them, extending the grace and love that I have been a recipient of and setting a godly example in my attitude, speech and appearance. I'd love to be a safe place for them and I am praying for opportunities to adorn and share the Gospel with those who may not be Christians – both students and parents.