



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

October 2014 Newsletter

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"I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2



Annet

Closer to Buying Land

We are closer to buying land but still need to raise another \$15,000 to \$20,000. Recently, we have looked at several pieces of land in the area that we feel God calling us to. It is a community not too far outside of Kampala. We have about \$20,000 already saved to use towards the purchase of land. However, land is very expensive in Uganda and we would like to purchase around 5-8 acres. In the community that we are looking at, land is around \$4,000 to \$6,000 an acre. Believe me when I say that this land is VERY cheap compared to other areas of Uganda. Please consider making a donation towards the purchase of land to be able to build a larger Children's Home and help many more hurting children.

Resettlement and How It Will Affect Your Sponsorship

After the last newsletter was sent out, we had several people ask questions about how the resettlement process will affect their child sponsorship. It is true that some of the children that have family members will be resettled with them. However, we will still have guardianship over the children so we will act as social workers that will make the decisions with the family members in the child's best interest. We will be doing resettlement very gradually as it is a new process, not only for us, but for the Ugandan government as well. We are doing trainings with several Christian ministries such as Samaritan's Purse that have been doing resettlement for years in other countries. Some African countries have had such a success rate with resettlement that they have very few orphanages.

It will be a long process but we are already seeing positive results with the families and children that we are working with. All of the children are very excited to meet their family members and to visit them. After all, God really intended children to be in families and not in orphanages or childcare institutions. Orphanages were always meant to be a temporary solution and then the long-term solution was to find families (either biological or foster) to take care of the child as their own.

We will always be apart of the children's lives, as we will maintain guardianship. Once the child is resettled, we are planning to check on them monthly and still support the families financially through our child sponsorship program. We will assist the family in making decisions such as where the child will go to school. We are also hoping to be able to hold school holiday camps for the kids so that we can have more time with them to nurture them spiritually.

This is a process and new journey for us as a ministry so we do not have all the answers yet as how it will change the ministry and Uganda in the long run. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us. Keep us in your prayers!

Greatly in Need of Sponsors

We are greatly in need of more sponsors to help with James, Hannah, and Junior. If you would like more information about our child sponsorship program, then please email at sara@rafikiministries.org.

Prayerfully consider sponsoring James, Hannah, or Junior!



James, 2 years old



Hannah, 2 years old



Junior, 1 year old

Fundraiser Yard Sale! Donations Needed! Come Shop!

Friday, October 16th, 4:00 p.m. - Sunset
and Saturday, October 17th, Sunrise - Sell-out

Spring Cleaning! Junk for Jesus!
One Man's Trash is Another's Treasure!
Clean out your closets for the Rafiki Yard Sale!

All donations are tax deductible!! We will gladly accept donation items to sell in the garage sale. Come Shop! Look for the Hot Pink Signs!

Please call Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681 or Jo Hamilton (512) 750-8047 to drop off donation items or make special arrangements for larger items.



803 West Noton Street
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Sara Will Be in Texas – Requesting YOUR Help

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, Director/Founder, will be arriving in Texas October 3rd. She will be available to speak at churches, organizations and group meetings to share about the ministry. If you would like to arrange a speaking engagement, please let us know as soon as possible. Joseph Kiwanuka will be coming to Uganda in mid-November. Please be in prayer for the family during this time as they will be apart.

Sara needs help! She will be coming to Texas with her two young children, Abby and Zoe. She will be working full-time while in Texas. She needs assistance with watching the kids and helping with craft shows. If you would like to volunteer your time through babysitting or assisting at craft shows, then please let us know.

Bring the Rafiki Market to YOU

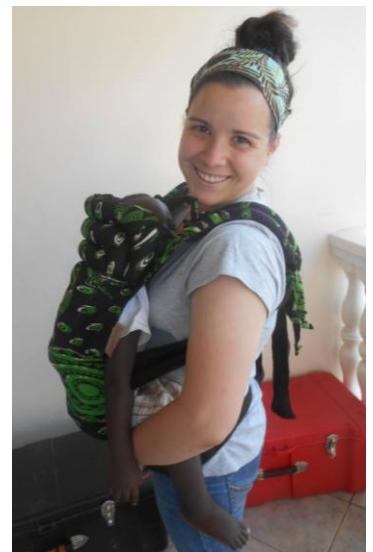
Would you like to have a personal shopping experience? Bring the incredible shopping experience to your church, school, or any group. The Rafiki Market is a fun and rewarding shopping experience! Come together with members of your church or group to shop for beautiful and unique handmade baskets, purses, necklaces, bracelets and much more. 100% of proceeds go to benefit the ministry.

Book the Rafiki Market Today! Be sure to reserve your shopping experience by you or your pastor contacting us at sara@rafikiministries.org.



Schedule for upcoming Craft Shows

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Saturday, October 11 th | 10am-3pm | Harvest Fest at Redeemer Lutheran Church 1500 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX |
| Friday, October 24 th Saturday, October 25 th | 9am-6pm 9am-4pm | Labor of Love Craft Show Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX |
| Saturday, November 1 st | 10am-2pm | Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660 |
| Saturday, November 1 st | 9am-2:30pm | Riverbend – Jingle Bell Market Riverbend Church in Austin, TX |
| Thursday, November 6 th Friday, November 7 th Saturday, November 8 th | 9am-5pm 9am-6pm 9am-3pm | Christmas Spectacular First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas |
| Saturday, November 8 th | 9am-4pm | Bethany Lutheran Marketplace 3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX |
| Saturday, November 15 th | 10am-4pm | Artreach Fair held by Westover Hills Church 8332 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78759 |
| Saturday, November 22 nd | 10am-2pm | Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660 |
| Saturday, December 6 th | 10am-7pm | Christmas Market held by Austin Stone Church For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752 |
| Saturday, December 13 th | 10am-2pm | Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660 |



Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God that our short-term missionaries arrived safely the first week of September. Kyle Walter from South Carolina will be with us for two months. Mary Leamons, from Texas, is a missionary with GoNow Missions and will be with us for 3 months. Continue to pray for them.

- Pray for Chelsea Lewis, short-term missionary from California, who arrives on September 30th and will be serving at Rafiki for 2 months.
- Pray for us as we seek to follow God's direction in the purchase of land and building and pray that He will provide the money we need so that we can move out of our rented Rafiki Home.
- Pray for Sara Kiwanuka and her little girls, Abby and Zoe, as they will be traveling to Texas with Sara's father, Frank Hamilton, at the beginning of October.
- Pray for Sara and Joseph while they are apart. Joseph will be remaining in Uganda for another 6 weeks and then joining Sara and the girls in Texas in mid-November.
- Pray that Sara will be given many opportunities while she is in Texas to share about the ministry and God's heart for the orphaned child.
- Pray for our children as they are reconnected with family members. Pray that they will be able to bond and build relationships.
- Pray that we will receive enough new sponsors that we can take care of all of James, Hannah and Junior's needs.
- Pray for the children and staff as we strive to be more like Jesus everyday. Pray for the children as they learn more about the Lord daily and grow in their walk. Pray they will accept Him as their personal Savior.
- Pray for more monthly financial sponsors that will enable the ministry to provide a home for more hurting children.
- Pray for Rafiki as we continue to work with the local Police, government officials, and Social Workers on the placement of abandoned and orphaned children.
- Pray for excellent physical, mental, and spiritual health for the Rafiki Kids, Staff, Directors, and Missionaries.
- Pray for God's protection over Rafiki Africa Ministries, the directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and children from spiritual attack from the evil one.
- Pray for God's guidance in raising the children to be godly adults.
- Pray for God to make His will for the ministry very clear to us as we seek to follow his direction.
- Praise God for his continuous provision and generosity of blessings we receive from Him.
- Praise God for our sponsors and contributors who have been inspired by God to give of their time, resources, money, and talents. Pray that we will be good stewards of all that is given to us.
- "In all things give thanks". 1st Thessalonians 5:88

Ways YOU can support the ministry –

- **PRAY** for the ministry and orphans in Uganda. "Brothers and sisters, pray for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
- **GIVE** financially. 2nd Corinthians 8:3-4 says, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people."
- **SERVE** on the mission field and come to Uganda. We are in desperate need of teachers, childcare workers, nurses, etc. We can use anyone. "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6-8)
- **CONNECT** the ministry with local churches, rotary clubs, schools, businesses, etc. Connect us with your friends and family. Please email Sara at sara@rafikiministries.org if you are interested in arranging a speaking engagement.
- **SPEAK UP** and tell their story. What a simple way of obeying God's instruction to us about the poor...simply tell their story. Proverbs 31:8-9 says "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

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 \$35 per month OR any amount you wish. Every little bit helps keep Rafiki Africa Home running. We are currently providing a home

for 18 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Baby Junior, Hannah, James, Janat, Aisha, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, Cocus, Mary, 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 as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me by email: sara@rafikiministries.org

Methods for Giving:

Donate through PayPal using the link on our website → www.rafikiministries.org

Please mail checks to: **Rafiki Africa Ministries**
P.O. Box 3526
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

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©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©3. For further clarification, **contact Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681 (USA)**
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Webale! (Thank you!) We continuously thank God for you!

Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries