



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2nd Thessalonians 2:16-17



↑Employee, Auntie Christine, with Junior

Update on Baby Junior

Baby Junior is doing great! If you remember, Junior came to us when he was 11 months old and he only weighed 11 lbs. He has grown so much over the past few months and is now walking! We joke that he is always eating. And his favorite place in the house is the kitchen cooking with Mama Monica. We think that he will be either a chef or food critic – he loves tasting food! He is always smiling and has the cutest giggle. As you can see in the pictures – he loves his thumb.



Follow-up on Reintegration – Joel and Jerom

Our social worker, Florence, recently did follow-up visits on all of the children that have been resettled with their family members.

Brothers, Joel and Jerom, are happy living with their family and are doing well in school.

←Jerom in his new school

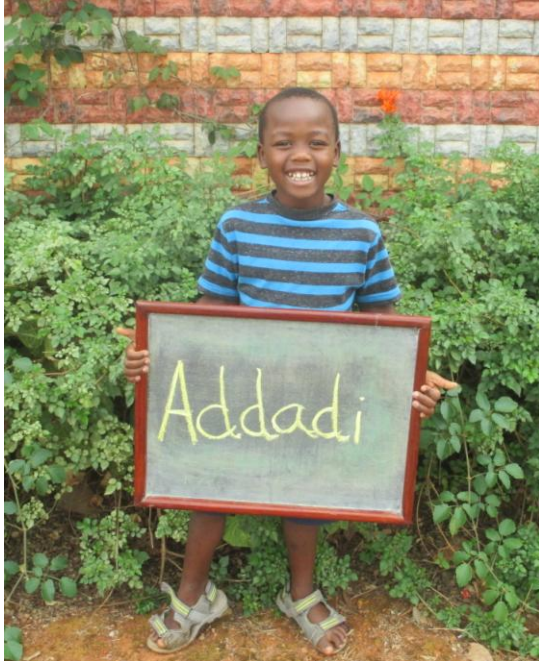


We will be doing follow-up visits every month to make sure that the kids are settling into their new families. We will be monitoring their progress in school and making sure they continue to do well in their new homes.

← Jerom and Joel in their school uniforms

Newest Employee, Diana

We are excited to announce that we have a new employee, Diana. She started working at the Children's Home at the beginning of March as a Custodian/Childcare Worker. Diana is great with the children and helps to teach them how to do their daily chores. Her other responsibilities include keeping the home clean and washing clothes, which is a time consuming task because of the number of kids living in our children's home. We are so thankful that she has joined the ministry team!



Meet Addadi!!!

He goes by Addad for short. Addad is the newest child in the Children's Home. We were contacted by a police officer with the Child and Family Protection Unit about Addad's case. He had been abandoned at the police station. The police asked for us to care for Addad while we search for any known relatives.

Addad is one of the most respectful kids that I know. He is always helping others. He is always smiling and laughing. He is such a happy boy, in spite of his circumstances. Please pray for Addad as he adjusts to living at the children's home.



↑ Prayerfully consider sponsoring Addadi!!!!

**Pray for God to provide...
Rafiki now cares for 23 children.**

Fundraiser Yard Sale! Come Shop!

LOTS of good things have been donated!

Saturday, April 11th, Sunrise to 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 yard 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.

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Please pray for the children by name: Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Acram, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Addadi, Annet, Esther, Fauziya, Edwin, Brenda, Cocus.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes: Carol, Don, Jerom, Oscar, Joel, Mary, and Joshua.
- Pray for God's direction in making decisions about the best possible care for each child under our care.
- Praise God for the children under our care who carry their Christian faith to their families and serve as a witness to them during family visits and when they are resettled. Pray that God gives them boldness in sharing their faith.
- Pray for Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka as they face the daily challenges of directing Rafiki Africa Ministries and seek God's will for the ministry and their family.
- Pray for the volunteer missionaries that work with our ministry and live at the children's home. Pray that God brings to our ministry missionaries that have a great love for children and a true servant's heart. Pray for a hedge of protection around them, for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they minister to the people of Uganda.
- Pray for our children as they reconnect with family members. Pray that they will bond and build relationships. Pray, especially, for the families and the children who are being resettled with their families and will be starting in new schools. Pray that God will prepare the way for the families to care for the children.
- Pray for each child under our care, whether it be for a day, or for years, that they will know that they are loved and cared for by us and by God.
- Pray for our ministry as we reach out to families, to counsel them, and to share the love of Christ with them. Pray that entire families will be led to Christ and that those who are already believers will grow in their faith.
- 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 that we will receive enough sponsors and donations to take care of all of our children's needs. Pray that as God is leading us in the direction of resettling children with their families that our sponsors will understand this change and continue to sponsor their children.
- 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 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 that we be reminded each day to take up and use our spiritual armor.
- Pray for wisdom and 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 supporting 22 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Baby Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Acram, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Edwin, Brenda, Cocus, Mary, and Joshua. Some of these children live at the Rafiki Children's Home, while others live with immediate or extended family and Rafiki helps with school fees and other necessities. 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:

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Please mail checks to: **Rafiki Africa Ministries**
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Webale! (Thank you!) We continuously thank God for you!
Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries