



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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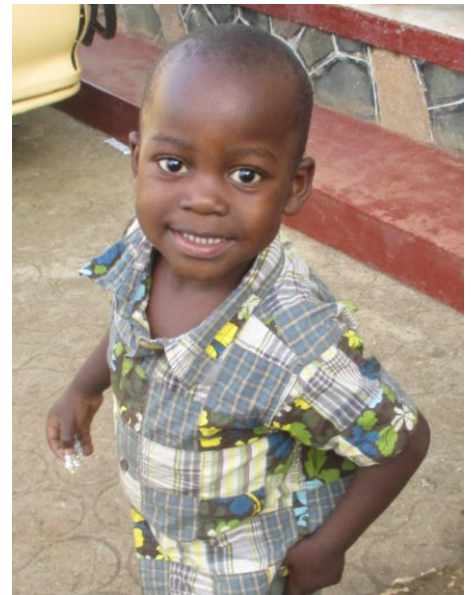
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“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being”. Ephesians 3:16

Update on Shakirah and Acram



Brother and sister, Shakirah and Acram, are doing great! They just finished their first term of the school year and are excited to be on holiday. Shakirah has had a difficult time in school because she is adjusting to learning English. Please keep her in your prayers and pray that she does not get discouraged with school.



Shakirah and Acram have adjusted to their new home at the Children's home but will soon be leaving us. Our social worker has been working hard to trace their family through their maternal grandmother. Their maternal aunt has offered for Shakirah and Acram to live with her and her children. She has children the same age as Shakirah and Acram. The entire family is excited about being reunited.



As we have been working on reuniting families, our goal is to reunite the children with their families within six months. We have always known that children belong in families and have strived to make the Rafiki Children's Home a family environment. Working with the children's extended family members has been so rewarding. It is so remarkable to see the family bonds that are forming when a child is reunited with their family.

◀ **Good friends –
Shakirah, Aisha, Abby, & Ruth**



School Holiday

Yay! Holiday time is here! The kids have been out of school the past week and are already having so much fun. Check out Hannah, Brenda, and Emma in the picture on the left. I love that coloring is always a fun activity – no matter how old you are!! ☺



Basketball!!!

We recently got a basketball goal at the Children's Home compound. We have no grass so Joseph thought it would be a great space for a basketball goal. It has been so much fun to play with everyone. In the pictures, the younger ones acted as the cheerleaders for the older kids and staff that were playing basketball. We played boys against girls and the girls won!!



Fundraiser Yard Sale – raised \$1235 in only ONE day! Praise God!

Thank you for all the donations that were given to the yard sale. Thank you for everyone that came out and shopped.



Spring Craft Market - Shopping, Food, Entertainment

At Pflugerville High School (FFA Booster Club) • 1301 West Pecan Street, Pflugerville
Saturday, May 2, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Admission – Fun for Everyone

- Rafiki Africa Ministries will be offering beautiful items from Uganda.
- 40+vendors of all types, including local artists and crafters!
- Maggie McDavid and Lauren Bishop will provide entertainment from 12-2:00.
- DIY burlap wreath making clinic.
- Free Zumba class at 11:00.

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Please pray for the children by name that are living at the Children's Home: 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 every day. 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 5:18

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:

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

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Webale! (Thank you!) We continuously thank God for you!
Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries