



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

November 2015 Newsletter

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“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

1st Peter 2:9

God is Working in a Mighty Way!

I don't know why - it seems we are always underestimating God's power. God has laid it on the hearts of several of His own who have a passion for sharing God's faith with the hurting children of this world. We have received many donations from people who shared God's vision for Rafiki to own land to build homes for children, some from the beginning of our ministry, some small, some quite large, but all from people who love God. We then received donations to begin to improve the land by putting up a protective fence and to improve the existing caretaker's home. We were able to purchase an additional acre of land on the main road. Last month we were gifted with a rainwater tank.



▲ Picture of new rain tank

Our most recent gift came from Rick and Claudia Crislip in memory of Rick's mother, who is now enjoying eternal life with her Lord and Savior! We are humbly grateful for their very generous gift of the funds to put in a deep well with a solar powered pump. In the upcoming weeks, we will be doing more research. We are working closely with Engineering Ministries International (EMI). They are a great resource to us and have been assisting us with project planning. They are connecting us to a topographical land surveyor and we are praying that we will be able to get a survey of the land done before the end of the year. The survey will help determine where to drill for a well in the future. We were not expecting God to provide so quickly! We are truly humbled and honored to receive His confirmation that we are following his will for the Rafiki Ministry.

“With God nothing will be impossible.” Luke 1:37

Partnership with CRANE (Children at Risk Action Network)

We are very thankful for our partnership with CRANE, a ministry working to keep children safe in Uganda. They have offered to give us resettlement kits whenever we reintegrate children back into their families. This is a huge blessing to us and to our families that we work with. The resettlement kits include a new mattress, bedding, food stuffs, and toiletry items.



▲ Acram and Shakirah

The Gray Crested Crane is the Uganda's National Symbol of beauty and serenity. It is also the name of the National Football (Soccer) team.



Christmas Wish List at **TARGET!**

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is almost upon us. Our Christmas Wish List was a HUGE blessing the past four years! We are excited to continue the tradition for a fifth year. We have created a wish list of items including new clothes, toys, and Bibles for the kids. The children were so excited last year to receive new clothes, a special toy, and soccer balls for outside play. We would love to bring a special item for each child again this year. Rafiki Africa Ministries has created a wish list at Target. Please visit our **TargetList** by clicking on the following link or cut and paste it into your web browser → <http://www.target.com/targetlists#public/89970a417ed2402da262a7a22d42c486>

Please order Christmas gifts soon so that they are delivered by December 1st.

It is easier than ever to send a gift. All you have to do is click on the link and make your purchase. You do not have to worry about gift-wrapping it or delivering the items – as the toys will ship directly to Rafiki Africa Ministries in Pflugerville. If you do not want to shop online, then you can make purchases and then deliver them to the address below by Dec. 1st. A great time to drop off donations would be at the open house on November 21st. The gifts will then be packed in suitcases in early December and travel with us to Uganda when we return to Uganda on December 15. Please do not wrap the gifts because they will be opened as they go through customs.

Other Beneficial Donations Wished For:

- Used laptop in good condition
- New or Gently Used Clothes for kids in all sizes from 12 months to 14/16 for temperatures 60 °-85°
- Swimsuits for all ages, boys and girls
- LifeWay and Mardel Gift cards to purchase Bibles and Educational materials

Drop Off Gifts to:
803 West Noton Street
Pflugerville, TX 78660



Call first – Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka 512-413-2476,
Frank Hamilton 512-771-0681, Jo Hamilton 512-750-8047

Purchased Ministry Van!!!



We recently sold our oldest ministry van. It has served us faithfully for the past 5 years but recently has been requiring more and more repairs. We are thankful that God has provided a newer used van that gives us better fuel mileage. Praise God!

◀ Junior wants to learn how to drive!

Little ones excitedly exploring the new van ▶



Thank you for supporting the Fundraiser Yard Sale!

We raised \$1575 at the yard sale and received over \$500 in donations!! Praise God! Thank you to everyone who gave of their belongings, their family treasures, and their time. We were blessed with a lot of help...we so appreciate you!

Schedule for upcoming Craft Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, November 12 th Friday, November 13 th Saturday, November 14 th	9am-6pm 9am-6pm 9am-3pm	Christmas Spectacular First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas
Saturday, November 14 th	9am-2:30pm	Riverbend – Jingle Bell Market Riverbend Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 14 th	10am-3pm	ArtReach Fair held by Westover Hills Church 8332 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78759
Saturday, November 21 st	10am-2pm	Open House Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Saturday, December 6 th	9am-4pm	Christmas Market by Austin Stone Church For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Ave., Austin, TX 78752



Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for our new ministry van!
- Pray for protection from illness and from evil for everyone involved with Rafiki from the youngest child to all of the staff and directors.
- Pray for Sara, Abby, and baby Naomi who will be traveling on November 5th from Uganda and arrive in Texas on November 7th. Pray for the Kiwanuka family as they will be separated for 5 weeks.
- Pray for the new children that we have received into the Children's Home. Pray that we can get monthly sponsors for each of these children so that we can support all of their needs.
- Pray for God to heal the mass in Edwin's lung. He is still struggling with fatigue.
- Praise God for our new land! Praise Him for providing funding for the land, fence, improvements, a rain tank, and a water well. Pray for God's direction as we improve the land and for God to provide the funds that are needed for building. Pray that it will become a center of hope and refuge for many children and families.
- Please pray for the children by name who are living at the Children's Home: Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Ivan, Aisha, Emma, Addadi, Fauziya, Edwin, and Cocus.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes: Annet, Acram, Shakirah, Brenda, Esther, Carol, Don, Jerom, Oscar, Joel, Mary, Joshua, Jimmy, Sharifa, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Bright.
- Please pray that the Rafiki staff and short-term missionaries will be strengthened physically, emotionally, and mentally as they care for the children.
- Pray for God's direction in making decisions about the best possible care for each Rafiki child.
- 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.



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 29 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Baby Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Rebecca, Bright, Jimmy, Jennifer, Ivan, Acram, Sharifa, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Edwin, Brenda, Cocus, Addadi, 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