



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

*Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ*

October 2015 Newsletter

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**“Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.” Psalm 125:1**



▲ James, Ruth, Junior, Hannah, and Janat made cool shades with pipe cleaners!

Snack Time! We Love Watermelon! ►  
Ruth, Hannah, James, Junior, Janat

**Big Kids are Back at School and The Little Ones are Having Fun!**



**Having Fun with Selfies!**



# With LOVE from Uganda – Sponsor Letters Are In the Mail

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors. We hope you will enjoy the drawings and letters from the children. They love getting to send you letters in the mail.

## Need New 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 decided it was time to sell it and get a newer model. We would like to purchase a used Toyota Noah van. We are praying for \$10,000 USD to purchase the new van.



## Rotary Club Induction Ceremony

Joseph is officially a Rotarian!  
Congratulations Joseph!

## Naomi Kirabo Kiwanuka Arrived on September 20<sup>th</sup>

### Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka have a new baby girl!

Naomi means "pleasant, agreeable" and Kirabo is a Luganda word that means "gift". Naomi's personality already fits her name. She is a delightfully pleasant baby and is a wonderful gift from God. Please pray for Sara as she continues to heal from a Caesarian section.

Sara will be leaving for Texas on November 5<sup>th</sup> when Naomi is only 6 weeks old. Praise God that we have already obtained Naomi's birth certificate and the passport is in process. Pray that after the passport is finished that we will be able to get the Uganda Dependent's Pass in order to travel. Sara will be traveling with Naomi and Abby while Joseph will be staying in Uganda with Zoe (age 2) and Annet (age 7). Please pray for the family as they will be away from each other.



# Update on Rafiki Land

Our neighbors are selling some land and have approached us about purchasing it. It is one acre that is attached to our current land. They are selling it for 16 million UGX. Total cost including lawyer fees will be around \$5,500 USD. If you are interested in donating towards this purchase, then please let us know.

**We are so excited to share that a donation has been made by Lois Fullerton to cover the cost of the rain tank on the land. Thank you Lois for your generous gift! Look for pictures of the new rain tank in next month's newsletter.**

## Schedule for Fall Craft Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	9am-6pm 9am-4pm	<b>Labor of Love Craft Show</b> Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am-6pm 9am-6pm 9am-3pm	<b>Christmas Spectacular</b> First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am-2:30pm	<b>Riverbend – Jingle Bell Market</b> Riverbend Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-3pm	<b>Artreach Fair held by Westover Hills Church</b> 8332 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78759
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-2pm	<b>Open House</b> – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	<b>Christmas Market held by Austin Stone Church</b> For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752



## Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for Baby Kiwanuka arriving safely and mother healing well from a C-section.
- 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 fence and a rain water tank. Praise God for the acreage He initially provided for us and also for the additional acreage that has become available! Pray for God's direction as we improve the land and for God to provide the funds that are needed for a well and 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.
- Praise God for his continual provision for us! Praise God in ALL things!

## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sara@rafikiministries.org)

## Methods for Giving:

Donate through PayPal using the link on our website → [www.rafikiministries.org](http://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**