



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

*Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ*

September 2015 Newsletter

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**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10**

## School Holiday Fun!!!



We have been having so much fun this school break. One of our favorite activities has been playing with blow-up beach balls. As you can see in the picture on the left; the boys like being silly and making funny faces. ☺ Other fun activities include coloring outside with sidewalk chalk, working puzzles, playing board games, playing basketball, playing football (soccer), and building with blocks.

The kids will be going back to school on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, for their third and final term of the school year. Homework was assigned by their teachers for them to do over the holiday and they have been working hard to complete it before the school term begins.

▲ Don, Jerom, & Joel



Please pray for the kids as they go back to school. The children that were resettled are still adjusting to being in their new schools and making new friends.

▲ Ruth and Janat



▲ Aisha

# Finishing Touches on the Fence and New Gate at Rafiki Village



## Baby Kiwanuka Due to Arrive in September

Please be in prayer for Sara, Joseph, and their family. The Kiwanukas are expecting another baby girl. Sara will be having a scheduled C-section on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Pray for the doctors and medical team that will be caring for Sara and the new baby. Join us in prayer that a healthy baby will be born who will grow up to love and serve the Lord.

Sara will be traveling to Texas at the beginning of November when the new baby is only 6 weeks old. Please pray that all goes as planned and that it will be enough time to get the birth certificate, passport, and Uganda dependent's pass so that they can travel.



## Partnership with Samaritan's Purse



This year, we have begun a new partnership with Samaritan's Purse in Uganda. It has been great to work with Samaritan's Purse and be apart of their income generating projects. We were able to choose three of our families to receive support to start their own income-generating project.

Pray for Emma and his family. We will be resettling Emma with his family at the end of the year in December/January. Pray for their pig project to be a blessing and good source of income for Emma's family.



The family was given three grown pigs. Pigs can produce up to 8-10 piglets in one litter and can have 2-3 litters each year as their gestation period is short.

**Emma with his Auntie ►**





# Fundraiser Yard Sale! Donations Needed! Come Shop!

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> • Begin Set-Up at 4:00 & Early Bird Sale until Dark  
Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise until Sell-out • Yard Sale

**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 yard sale donation items.  
Come Shop! Look for the Hot Pink Signs!

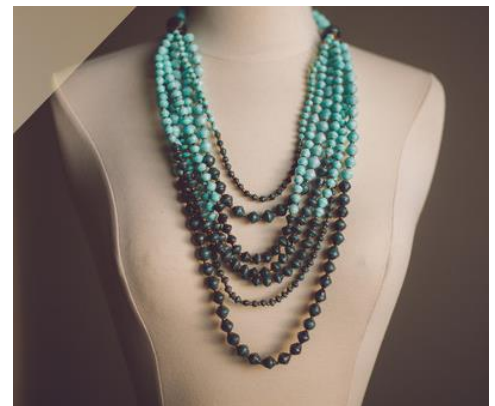
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or Jo Hamilton (512) 750-8047 or [johamil10@gmail.com](mailto:johamil10@gmail.com) before dropping off  
donation items or to make special arrangements for larger items.



## Schedule for upcoming Craft Shows to benefit Rafiki.

Come and do your gift shopping or treat yourself! Purchasing items from crafters in Uganda, provides an opportunity to share Christ and help local people to earn income.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-3pm	<b>Harvest Fest</b> Redeemer Lutheran Church 1500 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX
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 3838 Steck Ave. Austin, TX
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am-5pm 9am-6pm	<b>Christmas Spectacular</b> First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am-3pm	<b>Riverbend – Jingle Bell Market</b> Riverbend Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am-2:30pm	<b>Bethany Lutheran Marketplace</b> 3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-4pm	<b>ArtREACH Fair</b> Westover Hills Church 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 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-7pm	<b>Christmas Market</b> <b>Austin Stone Church</b> For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Ave Austin, TX 78752



## Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God, and give Him the glory in all things!
- Pray for our children as they return to school. Pray for their teachers.
- Pray for the new children living at 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.
- Pray for protection for the children who are affected by cults. Pray that the cults will be disbanded and members will be lead to the truth.
- Praise God for our new land! Praise Him for providing funding for the land and for a fence. 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.
- Pray for Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, and the Kiwanuka family, as Sara has a C-Section scheduled on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 protection from evil, harm, and illness.
- 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. 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. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify Sara Kiwanuka 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**