



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

March 2016 Newsletter

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“The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”

Psalm 145:9

Kids are Back at School



◀ Ivan is so excited on his first day of preschool!!

Ivan and Aisha Swinging at School ▶

The kids went back to school on February 22nd. They had a longer than usual break. Normally, school begins for the year at the end of January. However, this year school was postponed so that presidential elections could take place in February. The kids have been anxious to be back in school and see all of their friends. Everyone has grown so much this past year and all needed new school uniforms. They are proudly wearing their new uniforms in the pictures. Thank you to everyone that sponsors a child!! Your sponsorship enables the children to be able to attend school.



Emma Resettled with His Family



Emma with his Auntie and Cousins ►



▼ Piglets!!! Praise God!!



Emma was resettled this month with his Aunt and cousins. He was so excited to be going to his new home with family. He has been visiting and building relationships this past year. Pray for him as he settles into his new home and new school. Shown above is Emma's aunt helping to unload supplies and bedding provided for the family by Rafiki and Samaritan's Purse.

Last year alongside Samaritan's Purse, we were able to start an income-generating project with Emma's family. We wanted to prepare the family for taking on another child. The pig project will help the family to make more income so that they can financially care for Emma and his cousins. The full-grown pigs that had been given to the family produced their first litter of piglets.



Auntie Sarah, Childcare Worker At Rafiki Children's Home

We are thankful for our amazing staff at the Children's Home. Auntie Sarah has been working with us for the past 4 years. She lives at the Children's Home and just like a mother, is on call 24/7. She has a huge heart for children and pours her love for Christ into the children everyday. Her joy in the Lord is evident in everything that she does. She is constantly quoting scripture to the children and teaching them about Jesus. She loves leading devotion time



◀ Auntie Sarah Reading to James, Hannah, Abby, and Janat.

Auntie Sarah Changing Junior's Diaper ▶



Fundraiser Yard Sale! Come Shop! DONATIONS NEEDED!

Friday, April 1st, 4:30 pm to Sunset
Saturday, April 2nd, 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.



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Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God for his provision for us and pray that we can get monthly financial sponsors for all of the children so that we can support all of their needs. Pray that God provides the funding we need to accomplish His purpose for us.
- Pray for God's direction as we harvest the corn on 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, Addadi, Cocus, Edwin, Esther, Brenda, Fauziya.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes: Annet, Acram, Shakirah, Carol, Don, Emma, 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 all He has done in 2015 and for all He plans to do through Rafiki in 2016 and the years to come.

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