



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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**The Bible says, “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”
Exodus 14:14**

“Water is life” (African proverb)

Huge Step Forward for the Rafiki Land → Water Source!



Over the past year we have been researching the process for putting in a water well on our land. We have been meeting with drilling companies and learning about all types of wells – shallow, deep, hand-pumps, electric pumps, water tables, water pressure, land surveys, etc. We have signed a contract with a leading water well company in Uganda that was recommended to us. In the upcoming months, they will be drilling for water on the land. The well will have a hand pump similar to the picture on the left. There will be a provision to the hand pump that will allow us in the future to connect the

pump to either electricity or solar power so that we can pump the water up to tanks that will then go to indoor plumbing.

Here is a woman in our community fetching water. She walks miles each day to the nearest water source to carry a 20-liter Jerry can of water. Water then has to be boiled on a charcoal stove to make the water safe enough to drink. →



Most families in our community do not know Jesus as their personal Savior. We are extremely excited to bring the **water of life** from Jesus to the Kakiri community!



“But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14



Back to School for the 3rd Term

Rafiki currently supports 17 children to attend school. Monthly child sponsorship is how we are able to do this. Most children in Uganda are unable to attend school and stay at home all day, or worse, they go out on the streets. Child labor is common in Uganda as children that cannot go to school are put to work. Many are put to work in dangerous jobs such as rock quarries young girls are often forced into prostitution. Some children are even sold into slavery by their parents who cannot afford to feed them, much less educate them.

Thank you for helping us to keep children in school where they belong!



**Edwin, Joel, Jerom (back)
Aisha, Ivan, Esther (front)**



Zuri Murungi Kiwanuka arrived!!

Baby Zuri was born on September 19th at 11:28 a.m. via C-section. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. She is healthy and growing fast! Thank you for your prayers! We are settling into our new routine. As I type this, Baby Zuri is sleeping soundly so I can finish this newsletter (praise God!). She is now 4 weeks old. ☺ Zuri is a Swahili name for beautiful. Murungi also means beautiful in Lutorro (language from Joseph's family home in Western Uganda). She truly is a beautiful beautiful baby.

When we found out we were expecting Zuri we were surprised! We feel that every child is a blessing and gift from above. We feel honored that God has given us the responsibility of being parents. It is a BIG responsibility...the most important job we will ever do. The Bible says, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate." Psalm 127:3-5

I (Sara) am so very thankful that I had the opportunity to give birth at a decent hospital with trained doctors. Most women in Uganda do not have that luxury. Joseph's mother gave birth to most of her children on a dirt floor or on the side of the road as she was walking (while in labor) to find the local midwife. This is the norm for most women in Uganda. Pregnant women in Uganda do not talk about their pregnancy with others because infant and mother mortality rate are so high. Please pray today for all pregnant women and mothers!

Be the One to Impact a Child! Become a Sponsor Today!
Donate Now – www.rafikiministries.org

We are extremely grateful to God for your faithful readership of the monthly newsletter, your prayers, and your financial support. Your generous gifts will allow us to meet our 2016 budget needs. Rafiki Africa Ministries is a non-profit (501 c 3) Christ-centered ministry blessed with a prayerful Board of Directors, who steward well this—the Lord's work.

As we are entering into the Fall season, we ask you to prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to support Rafiki Africa Ministries both prayerfully and financially through the end of 2016, so that together, we can continue our mission to [raise up the next generation of Christian leaders](#). If you feel led, you can give online (no gift is too small) through our website. Thanks so much for your prayerful consideration. In the past month we received 2 abandoned children and were able to help resettle a third child. We so appreciate our Monthly sponsorships who help to provide for the children. We also so appreciate one time donations, large or small (no gift is too small)!

Fundraiser Yard Sale! Praise God!

We raised a little over \$1700!!

Thank you so much to everyone that donated and came to shop! Over 50 families donated to the yard sale!



Jo and Frank Hamilton (Sara's parents) recently traveled to Uganda with 20 bags filled with donations. So many donations were donated that some were left behind in Texas and will be taken in the future. The Rafiki kids received clothes, shoes, and towels, as well as other needed things. Being kids, they especially like the outdoor toys and balls.

Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 1 st	10am-3pm	Harvest Fest Redeemer Lutheran 1500 West Anderson Lane Austin, TX 78757
Friday, October 28 th Saturday, October 29 th	10am-7pm 9am-4pm	Labor of Love Craft Show Hillcrest Baptist Church 3838 Steck Austin, TX 78759
Thursday, November 10 th Friday, November 11 th Saturday, November 12 th	9am-6pm 9am-6pm 9am-3pm	A Woodland Christmas First Baptist Church Georgetown 1333 W. University Ave. Georgetown, TX 78628
Saturday, November 12 th	10am-4pm	Artreach Fair Westover Hills Church 8332 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78759
Saturday, December 3 rd	9am-4pm	Christmas Market **Please notice change of location Fair Market Austin 1100 East 5 th Street Austin, TX 78702 <i>(previously at Austin Stone Church - For the City Center now at Fair Market Austin Event Center east of IH 35 near downtown Austin)</i>



▲ In the photo above, women are making baskets and mats that they sell to support their families.

Participating in these shows helps to raise funds and promote awareness for Rafiki Africa Ministries but also benefits ministries of the hosting churches.

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God! Baby Zuri Murungi Kiwanuka arrived safely via C-section on September 19th. Zuri and Mom are both doing well. Please continue to pray for Sara as she recovers from the C-section and for Zuri to sleep at night.
- Praise God that our health has improved! We have a few children with lingering runny noses but otherwise the Rafiki family has healed from the bad viruses that were circulating.
- Praise for Sara's family, Jo and Frank Hamilton, which had an amazing trip to Uganda from October 3rd to 14th. They traveled with 20 pieces of luggage filled with donations for the Children's Home. Praise God for the provision of clothing and other needed items and that everyone who gave will be blessed for their generosity.

- Pray for the people of Uganda. Pray for those who are so destitute that they must abandon their families in hopes that their children will be “taken in” and survive. Pray for the Ugandan government as they seek ways to protect children and help the abandoned and orphaned children of Uganda. Pray for Children’s Homes, like Rafiki, who are struggling to have the finances and means to support as many children as possible.
- Pray that God will provide the funding needed to move to Rafiki Village, the new land. Currently, we need \$100,000 to complete the first part of our building phase so that we can move the Children’s Home permanently to our land in Kakiri. This will enable us to serve more children and families in the community.
- Please pray for the children by name that are living at the Children’s Home: Baby Florence, Max, Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Ivan, Aisha, Jerom, Joel, Addadi, Esther, Brenda, Fauziya.
- Pray for these children by name as they settle into their family homes: Winnie, Tina, Mungu, Sophie, Pony, Annet, Acram, Shakirah, Carol, Don, Emma, Oscar, Cocus, Edwin, Mary, Joshua, Jimmy, Sharifa, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Bright. Pray especially for Blessing and Farouk who were recently abandoned and are new to living at Rafiki.
- 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 and for the use of our land. Pray that many children and families will come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.
- Praise God for the children under our care who receive Christ as their savior and 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.

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 35 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Florence, Tina, Max, Junior, Mungu, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Rebecca, Bright, Jimmy, Jennifer, Ivan, Acram, Sharifa, Aisha, Shakirah, Emma, Carol, Don, Sophie, Winnie, 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 us by email: sara@rafikiministries.org

Donate through **PayPal** using the link on our website → www.rafikiministries.org

Please mail checks to:

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Webale! (Thank you!) We thank God for you!

Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka, Founders and Directors, Rafiki Africa Ministries

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, ...”
- **SERVE** on the mission field and come to Uganda. (Romans 12:6-8)
- **CONNECT** the ministry with local churches, rotary clubs, schools, businesses, friends and family.
- **SPEAK UP** and tell their story. Proverbs 31:8-9 says “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, ...”