



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

September 2016 Newsletter

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“God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding.” Job 37:5

Child Abandonment

This picture of an abandoned baby has been trending on Facebook and other social media. →

I know that the heartbreaking picture of this baby is difficult to see. But I want to give you the realistic picture of what happens on a daily basis in Uganda. Babies are abandoned like rubbish in plastic bags. Three years ago, we cared for a baby after she was fished out of a pit latrine, but her lungs were so full of maggots that she suffocated to death. At least, her last few hours she was loved and held in comforting arms. Sometimes I wonder if we had just gotten to her sooner....would she have survived? I know the Lord has plans for every child and am happy that Baby Tendo is with her Father in Heaven.



It has been a season of abandonment in Uganda. The need is overwhelming and discouraging. We receive so many calls from the police and social workers who need a safe place to take these abandoned babies. God has been teaching me a lot through this season, that He has given us different gifts and passions for a reason. I cannot save every child...only God can. God can use me for His glory to help “serve the least of these”.



← Baby Tendo was abandoned in a pit latrine like this one. Someone heard her crying. The police had to break the concrete to get her out.

With your help there can be a happy ending...

I want to share another story about an abandoned baby so that you can see the difference between a sad ending and a happy ending in a child’s life. In the June newsletter, I introduced to you baby Florence. We received her into the home when she was only 2 days old after she had been abandoned on the side of the road under a bush. She is the sweetest little baby. We have all become so attached to her in the past 3 months. She is surviving and thriving because of supporters like you.

Our social worker has been working hard the last 3 months to try to trace any of Florence's family. So far no one has come forward with any information. We will be advertising in the next couple of weeks in the local newspaper and on the radio to see if anyone knows anything. We are praying that we will find a family member who can care for her. If no one comes forward then we would like to place her with a foster care family before the end of the year so she can be adopted. Please pray with us!

Baby Florence with short-term missionary, Katherine Chmielewski→

**Be the One to Impact a Child!
Become a Sponsor Today!
Donate Now**

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Today, God can use you to save the life of a baby like Tendo. You can become a monthly partner through our child sponsorship program. We suggest giving around \$35 per month, but any amount will help...\$5, \$15, \$50 or more per month. Some of our Rafiki friends make one-time donations, give annually, give when they have extra, and most give sacrificially. I don't want to beg or sound like a TV commercial, but the need really is great! If we combined the resources God has given us we can do something! Innocent babies are being abandoned every day and we cannot standby and do nothing. We can open our arms to an abandoned child with the comfort and hope that God gives us.

Please pray for us to start a season of healing and encouragement!!

Some Needed Items We Would Like To Take to Uganda:

My parents, Frank and Jo Hamilton, are coming to Uganda around the first of October. Things are so expensive in Uganda so we would love your help in collecting things they can bring to us in luggage. If you've ever had anything to do with kids, you know how fast they outgrow their clothes. Most people clothe 2 or 3 kids at a time...can you imagine how much we need? On a side note, just think of how much laundry we do! ☺ Do you have kids or grandkids? You can go through their clothes and find ones that they are no longer wearing and donate them! You can drop donations off or mail them to 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, Texas 78660. That's about a block from First Baptist Church Pflugerville.

- New or gently used clothes for babies, toddlers, and children in all sizes from size 3 months to 14/16 including pajamas, girl's panties, boy's underwear, church clothes, play clothes, and shoes and socks.
- School supplies such as crayons, markers, construction paper, scrapbook paper, craft supplies, glue sticks, chalk.
- Twin size sheets
- Bath towels
- Children's Bibles & Children's Books, especially easy-readers
- LifeWay and Mardel Gift cards to purchase biblical and educational materials

**PLEASE
Drop off items by
September 23!
They need time
to pack!
THANK YOU!**

- Powder Baby Formula

Fundraiser Yard Sale! Donations Needed! Come Shop!

Friday, September 23rd, 4:00 p.m. - Sunset

and Saturday, September 24th, Sunrise - 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 garage sale. Come Shop! Look for the Hot Pink Signs!

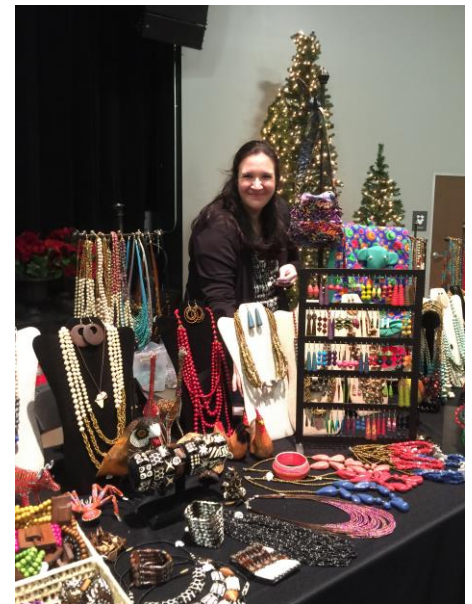
Please call Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681 or Jo Hamilton (512) 750-8047 to drop off donation items or make special arrangements for larger items.



**803 West Noton Street
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 1 st	10am-3pm	Harvest Fest Redeemer Lutheran Church 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 Austin Stone Church For the City Center 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752



**ALL OF THESE
SHOWS
BENEFIT
MINISTRIES OF
THEIR CHURCH**

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Pray for our short-term missionaries – Kayla Longino and Alyssa Smith. Pray for opportunities for them to share their faith and to be a help to those that need them.
- Pray for our health. Some very bad viruses have been circulating and many of our Rafiki family have been ill.
- Pray for the Kiwanuka family as they are expecting a daughter, to be delivered by C-Section on September 19. Pray especially for Sara. She has been sick for 6 weeks with a virus and hopes to be well before the baby comes.

- 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 our 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.
- 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 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, ...”