



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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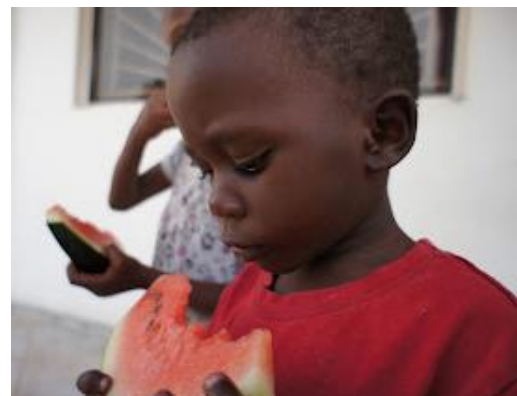
**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:24-25**

Written by Nicole Card

Rafiki Short Term Missionary

<http://totheendsoftheearthnc.blogspot.com>

“These kids are so well taken care of here, they are fed well, clothed well, they go to church and to school, they go to the doctor when they are sick, it’s sometimes easy to forget that these kids are orphans. I was reminded yesterday. I was holding this little guy, Emma.



He had a fever and was just not feeling well. He started crying and so I was holding him while also trying to keep an eye on the rest of the children during play time... which means let’s see how many of us can clobber Aunty Nicole at one time. Poor Emma is caught in the middle. I thought it would be good for him to just go lay down but after 5 minutes of crying I didn’t think that was going to work, so I just held him. He had quieted and then started crying again, I tried to get him to tell me what was wrong and eventually figured out he needed to go potty. So I took him but it struck me, a mom would have known. A mom would have known that cry. That’s what these kids are missing, they are loved and they are taken care of, but they will never be known the way they would have been known by mommy. I don’t know what to make of this, but it has deepened my compassion towards them.”

Sponsor Letters recently mailed with LOVE from Uganda !



◀ Brenda

Joel ▶

The kids recently wrote letters or drew pictures for their sponsors. We hope you receive your letter soon!



Long-Term Rafiki Missionary, Kailey Jensen

Kailey was mentioned in last month's newsletter. She will be traveling with me to the states this week. Please read what she has to say below:

"Here in Uganda, I live in a home that feels like a *home* and a *family*; there are 13 children currently with us, twelve at home ranging in ages of 3 to 8 years old, and one that is living in an incredible special needs facility to help meet her extensive physical needs. Our children here have access to great medical care and are immunized, have a nutritious diet with clean clothes, books to read and toys to play with – they are given the precious and too rare opportunity to be in a home environment, to grow up in a family that loves the Lord and each other!

To know what kind of lives kids have in most orphanages or on the streets around the world - the very difficult, lonely and soul shattering lives that are the realities they live with on a daily basis, has made me more determined to make sure that I am doing all that I can to see kids protected, cared for and loved in ways that they deserve and need! I have experienced so much in my time in Africa, but more than anything I have come to know the Lord in a deeper, richer, more beautiful way. In my ineptitude, weaknesses and fear He has revealed His unending grace and deep love for me and the children I am working with.

And so, I am taking another step of faith. The directors have asked me to continue to be a part of this ministry and what the Lord is doing here, after a lot of prayer and listening to Him I believe that this is where He wants me for the next little while! So, I will be returning in January to continue to work with Rafiki Africa Ministries here in Kampala, Uganda! With a lot of excitement and butterflies, I am trusting the Lord to put everything in place for me to be in Uganda next year – though many details have to fall into place for this to happen, I fully believe that He will provide the finances, paperwork and all other details! I am returning next month to the States to spend the rest of the year there, sharing what I believe He has called me to do, asking people be a part of this crazy adventure with me, to come alongside with prayers, physical and financial support to make this act of faith a reality. I have so many stories and I can't wait to share all the miracles that I have seen, the joy as well as the desperation, the need as well as the beauty that has surrounded me these last months."

Please pray – for Kailey to be refreshed during her time in the United States. Pray for Kailey to enjoy her time with family and friends. Pray for her spirit to be renewed as she will travel back to Uganda in early January.



Semi-Annual Yard Sale
Friday, October 19th, 4:00 p.m. 'til Sunset
and Saturday, October 20th, Sunrise 'til 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! 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.



Sara Will Be in Texas!

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, Director/Founder, will be in Texas starting October 6th. She will be available to speak at churches, organizations and group meetings to share about the ministry. If you would like to arrange a speaking engagement, please let us know as soon as possible.

Joseph Kiwanuka will not be able to travel with Sara and their daughter, Abby, due to visa issues. Please be in prayer for the family during this time as they will be apart. Pray for the visa issues to be cleared up so that Joseph can join his family in the United States.

Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows

We will be selling hand made African crafts made by local women in Uganda at craft shows in the Austin, Texas area to raise money to support the Rafiki Home in Kampala, Uganda. 100% of the proceeds will be used to help support orphaned and destitute children in Uganda. We will be selling a variety of crafts such as baskets, wallets, purses, scarves, jewelry, dolls, wood spoons, etc. Please come out to support the Rafiki Home!! The schedule for our craft shows is listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 13 th	10am-3pm	Harvest Fest at Redeemer Lutheran Church 1500 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, October 13 th	9am-4pm	Leander High School Craft Market in Leander, TX
Friday, October 26 th	9am-6pm	Labor of Love Craft Show
Saturday, October 27 th	9am-4pm	Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 3 rd	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Thursday, November 8 th	9am-5pm	Christmas Spectacular
Friday, November 9 th	9am-6pm	First Baptist Church Georgetown
Saturday, November 10 th	9am-3pm	Georgetown, Texas
Thursday, November 8 th	9:30am-8pm	Jingle Bell House
Friday, November 9 th	9:30am-7pm	Brushy Creek Ranch Subdivision
Saturday, November 10 th	9:30am-4pm	201 North Frontier, Cedar Park, TX
Saturday, November 10 th	9am-4pm	Bethany Lutheran Marketplace 3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 17 th	9am-3pm	Conally High School Holiday Bazaar in Pflugerville, Texas
Saturday, November 17 th	10am-4 pm	Cedar Park High School Holiday Bazaar in Cedar Park, Texas
Thursday, November 29 th	9:30am-8pm	Jingle Bell House
Friday, December 1 st	9:30am-7pm	2701 Bear Springs Trail, Austin, Texas 78748
Saturday, December 2 nd	9:30am-4pm	
Saturday, December 1 st	10am-7pm	For The City Network Christmas Market – sponsored by Austin Stone Church For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752
Saturday, December 8 th	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX



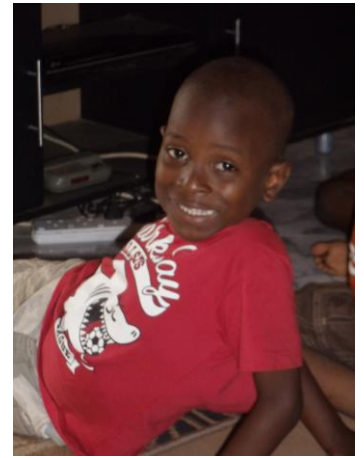
Focus on a Child – Joel, 6 years old

Joel was abandoned by his parents. He was hungry and spent his days scrounging the community for food until a local government official found him and notified us of his situation and his need for a home.



The Ugandan pronunciation of the name Joel rhymes with Noel. Joel is a lovable, intelligent, and very funny little boy. He really enjoys doing homework. In fact, he comes home from school each day asking if I have homework for him to do after naptime. He loves learning and is excited every day to go to school.

He also enjoys baking and cooking with his aunts and says that when he grows up he will be a chef. Pizza and cake are his favorite things to make (a rare treat). His servant heart shines through in his willingness to wash dishes and fold laundry whenever needed. He loves to help with the daily chores.



Pray that Joel's heart will become increasingly receptive to the gospel. Pray that our daily devotional time, his memory verses and Bible stories will take root in his heart and one-day bear the beautiful fruit of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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. Joseph and I will be back in Texas at the beginning of October till the end of the year. Please email me at sarainafrika@yahoo.com 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."

Thank you to EVERYONE who has been so generous in supporting us!

God Bless You!

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka

Director and Founder of Rafiki Africa Ministries

Rafiki means Friend! Thank you for being a friend to the Rafiki Family!

- Pray for travel mercies as Sara, Abby, and Kaily travel to the United States this week.
- Pray for healing as both Sara and Abby are currently suffering from a virus. Abby also has an eye infection. Sara has a sore throat.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider expanding to the property next door.

- Pray for a visa to work out for Joseph to come to the United States in November.
- Pray for our short-term missionaries. Pray for strength and for God to speak through them as they minister to the children, the people of Uganda and as they share their experiences when they return home.
- Pray for our ministry as we reach beyond the walls of the orphanage out into the neighborhood and everyone we come in contact to share the love of Christ.
- Pray for the children as they attend school. Pray for wisdom of each student and pray for their teachers.
- Pray for good health for the children and those working and serving at the Rafiki Children's Home
- Pray for more monthly financial sponsors to partner with us so that we can reach more hurting children and share the love of Christ with them.
- Pray for Joseph and Sara as they minister to the children at the orphanage and the full-time staff. Pray for everyone that they come into contact with in Uganda and in the U.S. and that they will help more come to know Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our Ugandan team – we currently have 5 full-time staff that work and minister to the kid's daily. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they minister to the children, for their health, pray that they will be strengthened.
- Pray that Uganda's foundation and government will be based on the Lord. Pray for the leaders of the country as they make decisions for the people. Pray that God's kingdom will reign and his righteousness and justice will rule.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment that God will show his desires for the ministry to the staff.
- Pray that Rafiki Africa Ministries will always be in the center of God's will.
- Pray against any attacks of the enemy. Pray for God's protection over the Rafiki Home and the Ministry.
- Pray for God's continued guidance in rearing these beautiful children.
- Pray that God will be a light in these children's lives and they will ultimately come to know the Lord personally.
- Pray that God will continue to provide for our needs as we grow and that God will be glorified.
- Pray that we will continue to be good stewards of the money we receive for the ministry.
- PRAISE God! "In all things give thanks"...1 Thessalonians 5:18

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 providing a home for 13 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Emma, Carol, Don, Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, Cocus, Mary, and Joshua. 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. You can sponsor a child as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me by email: sarainfrica@yahoo.com

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We are a non-profit organization in the State of Texas. 100% of money raised goes to helping orphaned and destitute children in Uganda. Rafiki is classified as a 501©3 charity and contributions to Rafiki are tax deductible under Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the tax code. Rafiki is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code. This exemption is retroactive from the date of filing the 501©3. For further clarification, contact Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

When you sponsor a child, you will receive updates about the children and beautiful hand drawn pictures. Annet is having a blast drawing a picture for her sponsor!

Please mail checks to:

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