



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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**“For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.”
Psalm 27:10**

Introducing Our Newest Little Girl - Janat Nakyejwe



◀ Police giving custody over to Joseph Kiwanuka and Rafiki Africa Ministries.

Janat at the Rafiki Home, bathed, in clean clothes, and eating a nourishing meal. ▼

This past week, this little one came to join the Rafiki family. Little Janat was found along side the road near old Kampala police station. Her mentally ill mother who is believed to be a prostitute had abandoned her there. The police traced the mother and found her. The mother did not know her own name or where she came from and it was obvious that she was not capable of caring for her daughter. Janat's father could not be traced so the police contacted Rafiki Children's Home. Janat's mother was admitted to a psychiatric hospital. Little Janat is assumed to be about one and half year old. She is not yet walking, but is crawling and standing. Janat has the most beautiful smile and twinkle in her eyes. She has a very sweet spirit. When she was first given a doll she gave the doll many kisses. She got along with the children right from the beginning, playing and laughing with them. Please be praying for sweet Janat. She is a pure joy!



Greatly in need of monthly sponsors for this precious little girl!

We **NEED** your help to support this little girl! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring Janat at \$35/month. It is now easier than ever to give. You can give through our website at www.rafikiministries.org or email Sara at sara@rafikiministries.org for more information.



Baby Victoria Tendo

Rafiki was asked to take care of a baby that was born and found abandoned in a pit latrine. Joseph took her to a clinic for care, but she struggled to breath. Praise God for His love and compassion for Baby Victoria Tendo (meaning victorious praise) that she was loved and cared for in her last few hours of life on this earth. Thank God that now she is in His loving arms with no more pain or tears.

Pray for the staff as we mourn the loss of Baby Victoria Tendo.

Orphan Sunday Fundraiser – November 3rd

**“IN OR OUT” LUNCH FUNDRAISER at First Baptist Church Pflugerville
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 10:30-1:30**

Menu – Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, and Dessert – Yum!

“Take Out” meals will be available beginning at 10:30.

“Eat In” lunches will be served in the Multi-Purpose Building beginning at 12:00.

Donations Requested – Suggested Minimum \$5 Adults and \$3 Children. Sign up in your FBC Adult Bible Fellowship or at the Rafiki Table in the Worship Center Mall this upcoming Sunday.



Don's Birthday Party

Thank you to Travis and Sandra Williams for sponsoring Don and donating money for us to take the kids to a local playground for Don's 5th Birthday!

◀ Picture to the left, shows Jerom and Annet in the bouncy castle.



◀ Carol and Brenda jumping on the trampoline.

Don in the middle about to blow out his candles. ▶



Helping Ugandan Families – Shop with a Purpose



We are excited to be introducing some new items this year at the Rafiki Craft Shows and Open Houses. We will be introducing some new jewelry that is made locally by Ugandan women. The sale of this jewelry supports both the women's families and the Rafiki Children's Home.

The unemployment rate in Uganda is over 50% and with many uneducated people – most families struggle to provide for their children. These women are able to support their families financially through YOUR purchase. Shop with a purpose this year!



Requesting YOUR Help and Time

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, Director/Founder, is in Texas!



We have had a few people offer to help but Sara still needs more help! She needs assistance with watching the kids and helping with craft shows. If you would like to volunteer your time through babysitting or assisting at craft shows, then please let us know.

Joseph arriving in Texas SOON!

Pray for safe travels as Joseph will be arriving in Texas to join Sara and the girls on October 29th. Thank God for his 2 year Visa.

◀ **Rafiki Africa Ministries Directors, Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka and their 2 daughters, Abby and Zoe, with short term Missionary, Frank Hamilton (Sara's Dad) at the Uganda Equator. Frank and Abby have their feet in two hemispheres.**

Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows in Texas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, October 18 th Saturday, October 19 th	9am-4pm 9am-4pm	United Methodist Church Cedar Park, Texas
Friday, October 25 th Saturday, October 26 th	9am-6pm 9am-4pm	Labor of Love Craft Show Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 2 nd	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Thursday, November 7 th Friday, November 8 th Saturday, November 9 th	9am-5pm 9am-6pm 9am-3pm	Christmas Spectacular First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas
Saturday, November 9 th	9am-4pm	Bethany Lutheran Marketplace 3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 16 th	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX
Saturday, December 7 th	10am-7pm	Christmas Market held by Austin Stone Church For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752
Saturday, December 14 th	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX



Praise God – Over \$850 Was Raised

Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell in the Yard Sale and to everyone who shopped. ***Some of you did both!!!***

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise God that Janat was rescued and pray for her as she settles in to the Rafiki Family.
- Praise God for Joseph's visa being granted. He was given favor and granted a 2-year visa to the U.S.
- Pray for the Rafiki staff as they mourn the loss of baby Victoria Tendo.
- Pray for Joseph and Sara during their time in the U.S. as they spread the word about Rafiki and the work God has called them to do. Pray that doors of opportunity are opened.
- Pray for Rafiki as we continue to work with the local Police, government officials, and Social Workers on the placement of abandoned and orphaned children.
- Pray for the Rafiki Staff to be refreshed and encouraged as they work with the children and handle daily needs.
- Pray for our new short-term missionaries, Amanda and Niomi, who have recently joined the Rafiki Team in Uganda. Pray for them as they serve the staff and children and in the communities of Uganda.
- Pray for good health for the Rafiki Kids, Staff, and Missionaries.
- Pray for God's protection over Rafiki Africa Ministries, the directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and children from spiritual attack from the evil one.
- Pray for God's guidance in raising the children to be godly adults, for direction for the Ministry.
- Praise God for his continuous provision, especially with supplying the finances to pay for another year's rent.
- Praise God for our sponsors and contributors who have been inspired by God to give of their time, resources, money, and talents. Pray that we will be good stewards of all that is given to us.
- "In all things give thanks". 1st Thessalonians 5:88

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. Sara is back in Texas till the end of the year. 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."

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

God Bless You!

Joseph and Sara Kiwanuka

Directors and Founders of Rafiki Africa Ministries

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 14 children (listed from youngest to oldest) Janat, 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 as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me 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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