



# Rafiki Africa Ministries

*Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ*

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**“We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield”. Psalm 33:20**

## Land – Rafiki is growing!



In the upcoming months, we will be launching a land initiative to raise financial support to be able to purchase land. When God gave us the vision of Rafiki, he showed us that we would care for many children and empower the local community by supporting existing families. We feel that in the upcoming year, God has great plans for us to purchase land and move our current children to a more permanent home. We rent the home where we are currently living and have reached capacity. In the long run, we desire to be more self-sustainable with our own land and farm. We want to support the local community in many ways – orphan prevention, discipleship, counseling, medical care, education, farming, and providing jobs.

We know that this will be a HUGE step forward for us and cannot do it without God's provision and YOUR help. We are very thankful for the support and help that we have already received.

**Please stand with us in prayer as we take this next step of faith!**

# Made in Uganda with Love



## Paper Bead Jewelry from *I Live Again*

*I Live Again Uganda* is an organization bringing holistic restoration to victims of more than 20 years of war. Currently, *I Live Again* is working in Acholi Quarter, which is a slum in Kampala where over 11,000 individuals remain displaced from the LRA insurgency in Northern Uganda. *I Live Again* provides trauma counseling, discipleship, education support, job skill training and resettlement to individuals in the slum. Each day in the slum some of the women gather and make beautiful paper jewelry. *I Live Again* provides all the supplies for the jewelry and the women are paid for each item they make! Rafiki is a proud supporter of *I Live Again Uganda* and directly supports them by purchasing paper bead jewelry.

We will be bringing some of this jewelry back with us to Texas and will have it available for sale. With your purchase, you will not only be supporting families through *I Live Again*, but also supporting children in the Rafiki Children's Home. Please check out our craft show schedule below.

# Update on New Baby

In last month's newsletter, we asked for prayer because we had been asked to consider taking in 2 newborn babies. Thank you for your prayers and support! Our hope was that they would find family members that would care for them. One of the babies that we talked about in the last newsletter has been placed with close family members. Praise God! We are still waiting to hear about the baby from a mother that is mentally ill. We are working closely with the local police and government officials. They are currently trying to track down the biological father. Please pray that a long-term place to care for the mother can be found. She really needs to have full-time care and be in some type of home for adults with mental disabilities.

We have been preparing to receive the baby any time, but currently we are prayerfully waiting to see what happens and for God to reveal His plans for the mother and baby. Please keep the situation, mother, and baby in your prayers!

## Sara Will Be in Texas – Requesting YOUR Help

Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka, Director/Founder, will be in Texas starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 be coming to Uganda at the end of October. Please be in prayer for the family during this time as they will be apart.



### Sara Needs help!

She will be coming to Texas with her two young children, Abby and Zoe. She will be working full-time while in Texas. 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. Please email [sara@rafikiministries.org](mailto:sara@rafikiministries.org).

## Bringing the Rafiki Market to YOU

Would you like to have a personal shopping experience? Bring the incredible shopping experience to your church, school, or any group. The Rafiki Market is a fun and rewarding shopping experience! Come together with members of your church or group to shop for beautiful and unique handmade baskets, purses, necklaces, bracelets and much more. 100% of proceeds go to benefit the ministry.

**Book the Rafiki Market Today!** Be sure to reserve your shopping experience by you or your pastor contacting us at [sara@rafikiministries.org](mailto:sara@rafikiministries.org).

# Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-3pm	<b>Harvest Fest at Redeemer Lutheran Church</b> 1500 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	<b>United Methodist Church</b> Cedar Park, Texas
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am-6pm	<b>Labor of Love Craft Show</b> Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	
Saturday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-2pm	<b>Open House</b> – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Thursday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am-5pm	<b>Christmas Spectacular</b> First Baptist Church Georgetown Georgetown, Texas
Friday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am-6pm	
Saturday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am-3pm	
Saturday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	<b>Bethany Lutheran Marketplace</b> 3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-2pm	<b>Open House</b> – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX
Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-7pm	<b>Christmas Market held by Austin Stone Church</b> For the City Center – 500 East St. Johns Avenue Austin, TX 78752
Saturday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-2pm	<b>Open House</b> – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX



**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. until Sunset**

**and and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise until Sell-out**

***Spring Cleaning! Junk for Jesus! One Man’s Trash is Another’s Treasure!  
Clean out Your Closets for the Rafiki Yard Sale! Come Shop!***

All donations are tax deductible!! We will gladly accept donation items to sell in the yard sale. Please call Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681 or Jo Hamilton at (512) 750-8047 to drop off donation items or make special arrangements for larger items.

## Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Praise that one of the babies was resettled with family members! Pray for police, govt. officials, and social workers as they decide the best placement for the other baby and mentally ill mother.
- Pray for Joseph’s visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy, which will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pray that he will have favor and be granted a visa to travel to the U.S. at the end of October.
- Pray for our long-term missionaries, Kailey and Rachel, as they return home and seek God’s guidance for their future.

- Pray that like Jesus, the Rafiki kids will grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. See Luke 2:52.
- Pray for good health and 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, wisdom, and guidance as we seek His will for the future of Rafiki.
- 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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!**

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 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 as a family or as an individual. If you decide to sponsor a child please notify me by email: [sara@rafikiministries.org](mailto:sara@rafikiministries.org)

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**Please mail checks to:**  
**Rafiki Africa Ministries**  
**P.O. Box 3526**  
**Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526**

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