



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

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**“The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”
Psalm 9:9**

Queen of Katwe True Story from Uganda!

I had not even heard of this new movie about a young girl from Uganda until about a month ago. It premiered in Uganda a couple of weeks ago. Just after the movie premiered in Uganda, we received 2 children – Blessing and Farouk. They are from the same Katwe slum!



Queen of Katwe is the colorful true story of a young girl selling corn on the streets of Uganda. Her life with her family in the impoverished slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda is a constant struggle. Her world rapidly changes when a soccer player turned missionary introduces her to the game of chess. This movie was filmed in Uganda in the actual slums of Katwe and the main actress, Madina Nalwanga, is Ugandan!! Check out this movie to learn more about life in Uganda for the children that our ministry serves. Katwe is where our two newest children, Blessing and Farouk, have come from.

Blessing is one year old. She was abandoned by a woman who was suspected to be her mother. She was taken to the police station at Katwe when nobody in the slums could find her mother. She was given the name Blessing by the police officer handling her case, as her name is unknown. The police contacted Rafiki Africa Ministries for assistance to take custody of Blessing as they continue to investigate the case. Please pray with us for Blessing!



← Blessing →



Farouk →

Farouk's story is very similar to Blessing. We received both Farouk and Blessing on the same day.

Farouk is from a Muslim family. We are thankful that we have the opportunity to work with many Muslim families in Uganda. It gives us the opportunity to speak the truth and shine light where there is none. Please pray for Farouk as he adjusts to living at the Children's Home. Pray that we will be able to trace his family, reunite them, and ultimately have them learn about Jesus Christ.



Katwe Slums ↑



← Christine (Rafiki Manager), Florence (Rafiki Social Worker), Blessing, Farouk, and Police Officer at Katwe (from left to right in picture).

Michael ↓

Michael came to us recently because he was separated from his mother. Someone that found him wondering around church took him to the police. You might wonder how a young child becomes separated from their family...this is very common in Uganda!

Michael stayed at the police station for two days while the police searched for the family. The police did not find anyone and contacted us to take Michael for emergency care. We accepted Michael and he stayed with us for a few nights and then his mother was found by the work of our social worker and police.

She was distraught when she could not find Michael. She was so thankful to Rafiki for taking Michael into the Children's Home for temporary care. In Uganda, where child sacrifice is a normal daily occurrence, parents have many fears about the safety of their children.

Thank you!! Due to your support, we were able to help Michael and his mother. We loved on him when he needed to be cared for! It was a great opportunity for us to share the love of our Heavenly Father with his family.



“For I was hungry and you gave Me food.” Matthew 25:35



← Pray for Angella Namakula!

Angella is our neighbor at the Rafiki land. She is sick and cannot afford to buy medication. Joseph immediately felt the Lord telling him to buy her medication (even though we do not have extra funding in place to purchase medication). He was heartbroken that she did not have \$20 to be able to buy medication. Actually, not being able to afford medicine is very common in Uganda, which is why the mortality rate in Uganda is so high.

We are so excited that we are becoming a light in the community surrounding the Rafiki land. We are enjoying getting to know our neighbors. These are the people that God has called us to serve long-term. Pray that we can move out to the land as soon as possible so that more of our neighbors will benefit from the ministry programs.

In the last newsletter we mentioned that another ministry called C.R.A.N.E. and Rafiki Africa Ministries partnered together to help build a home for a neighbor. It's almost finished! The tiny shack on the left is the original home of grandparents raising two grandchildren. ↓

Mark your calendar!
#GivingTuesday

November 29th

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It is a movement to create an international day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season.



Schedule for Upcoming Craft Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, Nov. 10 th	9am-6pm	<u>A WOODLAND CHRISTMAS</u>
Friday, Nov. 11 th	9am-6pm	FBC Georgetown, TX
Saturday, Nov. 12 th	9am-3pm	1333 W. University Ave.
Saturday, Nov. 12 th	10am-4pm	<u>ARTREACH FAIR</u>
		Westover Hills Church
		8332 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78759
Saturday, Dec. 3 rd	9am-4pm	<u>CHRISTMAS MARKET</u>
		Fair Market Austin
		1100 East 5 th Street
		Austin, TX 78702



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

Ways YOU can pray for us this month –

- Pray for the families and children of Katwe this month!!
- 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, Blessing, Max, Junior, Ruth, Hannah, James, Janat, Ivan, Aisha, Farouk, 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. Praise God for the children 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 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.

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. 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, ...”