

# Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

April 4, 2010 Newsletter

**“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’.”**

**Revelation 7: 9-10**

## Joshua’s 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday

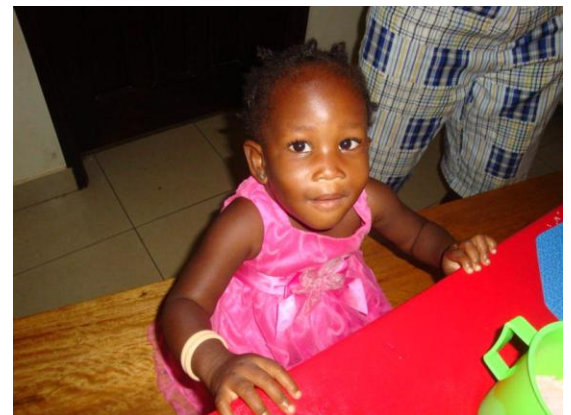
A lot of Ugandans are not born in hospitals and therefore never get a birth certificate. Most people in Uganda might know the year or the month that they were born but there are many that have no idea how old they are. Our kids had never celebrated birthdays before they came to Rafiki Home. Because we do not know the actual birth dates of the children we thought it would be a good idea to assign each child a birthday. We celebrated Joshua’s birthday on March 31st. When he came to live with us we were told that Joshua is 5, so we celebrated his 6 year old birthday.



I have attached a photo of Joshua before he blew out his candles. We could not find birthday candles so we bought long stick candles instead. We bought ice cream and small rolls from the local grocery store. The candles were too big to put in the rolls so we used corn flour to stand them up in plastic cups. It was a treat for the kids. The adults loved it, too!

## Rafiki’s Staff

We have three staff members that help cook, clean, wash clothes, and teach the children. All three of our staff members live in the home. Mama Grace is our absolutely amazing cook. She has a 1½ year-old little girl named Tanya (at right). When Grace became pregnant, Tanya’s father left them and moved to Sudan (a neighboring country). Grace does not have outside support except for the room and board and small salary she receives at the Rafiki Home. We would like to find a sponsor for Tanya to help with diapers, food, clothes, etc. I have attached a picture of Tanya. She is the sweetest little girl. All of the kids in the home love playing with her. If you or your family would like to sponsor Tanya, please let me know by email: [sarainfrica@yahoo.com](mailto:sarainfrica@yahoo.com).



## Sewing Project at First Baptist Church Pflugerville , Texas



I would like to send out a thank you to everyone that has been a part of sewing and collecting clothes for our children. I would especially like to thank Sarah Wallis and Bernice Stewart for heading up the sewing project. I have attached a picture of the booth set up in the foyer of FBC Pflugerville. If you have time, please check out the booth. I am blessed to have such an amazing and supportive church family!

Christina Davison, who grew up at First Baptist Church Pflugerville, and is now a graduate student, will be going on a Mission Trip to Uganda in May. She will pack her suitcases with the items from the

sewing project and will be helping at our orphanage for two weeks. Please be in prayer for her.

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

God Bless You,  
Sara Hamilton,  
Director and Founder of Rafiki Africa Ministries

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

### **Please Pray:**

- ▶ Pray for God's continued guidance in rearing these beautiful children.
- ▶ Pray that the children continue to adjust well in the home.
- ▶ Pray for our staff that takes care of the children daily – that they will be strengthened and continue to show God's love to the children.
- ▶ Pray that God will be a light in these children's lives and the children 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.
- ▶ Pray that the applications for non-profit ( USA ) and non-government ( Uganda ) status will be approved.

### **Please Give:**

Prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor. You can sponsor a child for only \$30 per month OR any amount you wish. Every little bit helps keep Rafiki Africa Home running.

You have the opportunity to sponsor one of these precious children who is living in the Rafiki Africa Home. We have 6 children currently in the home – Annet, Fauziya, Mary, Joel, Joshua, and Tanya. 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](mailto:sarainfrica@yahoo.com)

You can choose to sponsor Sara Hamilton (me) or any of our staff members. Please check out our website for more information: [www.rafikiministries.com](http://www.rafikiministries.com)

**Monetary Donations Needed to Purchase:**

Children's shoes for church \$10 each  
Safe/Lock Box \$45  
Bookshelf \$50  
Classroom - Tables and Benches \$100  
Classroom - Large Chalkboard with stand \$75  
Educational Posters \$10  
School Materials \$20  
1-Year Work Permit in Uganda - \$100  
Special Bed for Mary (She has Cerebral Palsy) - \$120  
Plane Ticket to the U.S. - \$1700

**Donations Needed**

- \*New or gently used children's clothes  
(average year round temperature 80° days, 60° nights)
- \*Age appropriate toys
- \*Children's movies on DVD
- \*Arts & Crafts – construction paper, beads, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, etc.
- \*New or Good Used Laptop Computer
- New or used projector (for speaking engagements in the U.S. )

\*The items above may be taken to Uganda in a suitcase.

Please contact Jo Hamilton at 512-750-8047 to arrange a time to drop them off in Pflugerville , Texas

**Donations can be made payable to:**

Rafiki Africa Ministries

**Donations can be mailed to:**

Rafiki Africa Ministries  
P.O. Box 3526  
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

**John 15:12-13 NIV**

**“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”**

We are a non-profit organization in the State of Texas . We are in the process of applying for our tax-exempt status with the internal revenue service. We should have approval within 3 to 4 months. Once approved all donations will be tax-exempt for the donor and a tax-exempt form will be issued. This exemption is retroactive from the date of filing the 501©3. For further clarification, contact Frank Hamilton at (512) 771-0681.

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