



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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“If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” Isaiah 58:10

**Christmas is just around the corner.....
....only 47 more days**

In the last newsletter, I gave an update on Mary, our 7 year old who has cerebral palsy and suffers from epilepsy. We had found a new doctor for Mary and he referred her to a speech and occupational therapist. Our administrator, Esther, took Mary to the therapy center for an assessment and was advised that Mary attend therapy 3 days a week to receive speech, occupational, and physiotherapy. We have been praying and searching for help for Mary for a long time and we are excited for this opportunity for Mary to receive the therapy she needs. At this time, we do not have the finances to pay for these medical costs (approximately \$12 USD per therapy session, which is \$144 per + \$10 USD per day transportation costs). However, we are not worried and know that God has great plans for Mary.



Mary has progressed a lot this past year. When she first came to the orphanage, Mary could barely walk. She could not hold any objects in her hands. Now she can walk with good balance for a couple of hours before she gets tired. She can hold a drinking cup and we are working with her everyday to learn to eat on her own. The occupational therapist said he would help her with hand performance and fine motor skills and eventually will teach her how to use the toilet and to feed herself. There has been some inconsistency in the medical opinions about whether Mary will be able to talk. Please pray that this inconsistency between the doctors and therapists is cleared up and that Mary will be able to get the speech therapy that she needs. Pray for God's provision!

Christmas is quickly approaching, a season when we work hard to find just the right gifts for family and friends. This year you can give a gift with lasting significance. This Christmas give the gift of therapy to Mary. YOU can help Mary receive the therapy that she needs.

**...you can give the gift of therapy for Mary
this Christmas season!**

Your gift is tax deductible and donations can be sent to Rafiki Africa Ministries, P.O. Box 3526, Pflugerville, Texas 78691-3526. Please include a note with your donation indicating the donation is for Mary's therapy.

Update on Cocus

Last month, I talked about Cocus, our newest little boy in the orphanage. He suffers from Tuberculosis of the spine. We were notified recently by our Ugandan administrator, Esther that the hospital had run out of Cocus' TB medication that has to be taken daily. Esther went to the hospital to get a refill of medication and was told that the TB medication is donated each month to the hospital so they frequently run out and the local pharmacies do not sell it. When I read Esther's email

saying that she had searched at other hospitals and clinics and was not able to find the right medication, I was concerned for Cocus. Tuberculosis treatment has to be taken consistently or it is not effective. We immediately prayed that God would provide the medication and God gave us peace and we knew that He would take care of His child. After all, God is the great physician! The next day we were happy to receive another email from Esther saying that she went back to the hospital and was able to get the medication for Cocus. The hospital had just received their monthly donation. Praise God!!

Upgrading Your Phone? Donate Your Old One!

Hey Friends! If you are planning to make an **upgrade on your phone** this year, consider sending your old one to help here in Africa. Cell phones are very expensive in Uganda. Cell will help us communicate with our staff and short-term missionaries. Email us at sarainfrica@yahoo.com if you wish to donate your old phone.



Fauziya Modeling Necklaces



Jerom Showing a Doll



Esther Modeling a Scarf

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.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 10 th	9:30am-8pm	Jingle Bell House
Friday, November 11 th	9:30am-7pm	Brushy Creek Ranch Subdivision
Saturday, November 12 th	9:30am-4pm	201 North Frontier, Cedar Park, TX
Saturday, November 12 th	9am-4pm	Bethany Lutheran Marketplace
		3701 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 12 th	9am-4 pm	Rockin' Around the Holidays Bazaar
		Clay Madsen Center in Round Rock, TX
Saturday, November 19 th	9am-4pm	West Oak Woods Baptist Church
		2900 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, November 19 th	10am-4pm	Cedar Park High School Holiday Bazaar in Cedar Park, TX
Thursday, December 1 st	9:30am-8pm	Jingle Bell House
Friday, December 2 nd	9:30am-7pm	2701 Bear Springs Trail, Austin, Texas 78748
Saturday, December 3 rd	9:30am-4pm	
Saturday, December 3 rd	10am-2pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton's Home
		803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX
Saturday, December 10 th	8am-2pm	Hendrickson High School Breakfast with Santa
		2905 FM-685, Pflugerville, TX
Saturday, December 10 th	10am-4pm	Vista Ridge High School Band Booster's Holiday Bazaar
		200 South Vista Ridge Blvd., Cedar Park, TX

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. Joseph and I will be in Texas for the rest of the year and are available for speaking engagements and functions.
- **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 Cocus to be healed from tuberculosis of the spine. Pray that the hump on his back shrinks.
- Pray that Mary is able to receive the therapy that she needs and that her seizures are under control.
- Pray for Joseph and Sara as they share with others about the ministry at the upcoming craft shoes and speaking engagements.
- Pray for our administrator, Esther, as she is in charge while we are away. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as she ministers to the children and staff.
- 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 and pray for God's protection over the Rafiki Home.
- Pray for God's continued guidance in rearing these beautiful children.
- 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 the 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.

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 \$30 per month OR any amount you wish. Every little bit helps keep Rafiki Africa Home running. We have 12 children currently in the home (listed from youngest to oldest) 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: sarinafrica@yahoo.com

Cut and Paste this website into your internet browser to donate now:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5H9J86JD8LQ3U



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

If you would prefer to write a check, please mail it to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries

P.O. Box 3526

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