



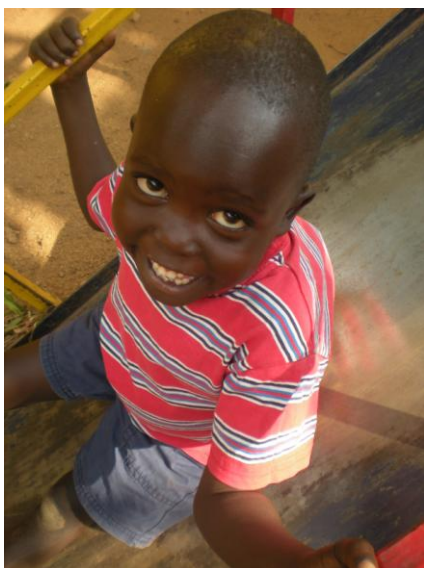
Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

October 1, 2011 Newsletter

Website: www.rafikiministries.com

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” Psalm 103:13



Cocus – healing well from TB of the spine!!

Praise God! Cocus has been healing well and is now finished with the first two months of his treatment, which consisted of daily injections. He will now have to take oral medications for the next four months. He is healing well. Please pray for his continued healing.

One of Cocus' teachers at the local school told us that some of the children had been picking on Cocus because of the hump on his back. Please pray that these children will begin to understand that being different is not a bad thing. Pray for Cocus as he adjusts to school and makes friends.

We do not know yet if the hump on Cocus' back will ever go away. We do believe in the greatest physician and know that God will provide healing! Thank you for a compassionate and merciful God!

Mary – found specialist to treat her epilepsy

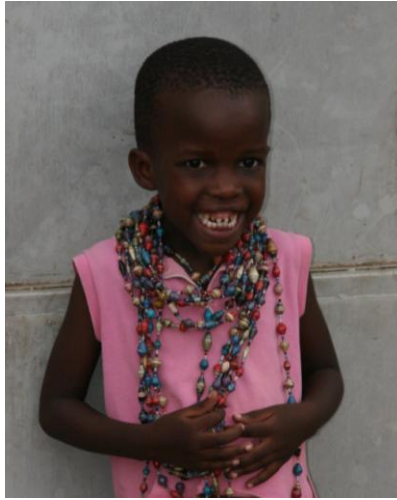
God is Awesome!! We have been looking for a specialist to help us with Mary's special needs. She has cerebral palsy and seizures. We have been searching for the past year and a half since we first received Mary into the Rafiki Orphanage. Mary now has a doctor! The doctor asked for an EEG to be done to test for her seizures. Please pray for Mary as this test is done. Pray that the doctor will be able to get Mary's seizures under control. He is referring Mary to a speech and occupational therapist. Pray that God will provide financially for these medical costs.



Garage Sale was a HUGE success

Thank you for all of the families that made donations for the garage sale! We were able to raise \$1,326 for the ministry. Thank you to everyone!!

We decided to have the garage sale on Friday and Saturday because we had so many donations to sell. We had planned on starting the garage sale on Friday at 4pm. We had left some things outside on Thursday night because the garage was absolutely full. We had people knocking on our door at 8am on Friday morning! Praise God!



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 several craft shows in the Austin, Texas area and one in the Ft. Worth/Dallas 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 1 st	10am-3pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 1500 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX
Saturday, October 8 th	10am-4pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Saturday, October 15 th	9am-4pm	Leander High School Craft Market in Leander, TX
Saturday, October 22 nd Sunday, October 23 rd	10am-5pm 11am-4:30pm	A Sami Show Dell Diamond in Round Rock, TX
Friday, October 28 th Saturday, October 29 th	9am-6pm 9am-4pm	Labor of Love Craft Show Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 5 th Sunday, November 6 th	9am-5pm 11am-5pm	Southlake Carrol Senior High School Craft Fair 1501 West Southlake Blvd., Southlake, TX
Saturday, November 5 th	10am-4pm	Babes in Toyland Holiday Market First United Methodist Church in Round Rock, TX
Thursday, November 10 th Friday, November 11 th Saturday, November 12 th	9:30am-8pm 9:30am-7pm 9:30am-4pm	Jingle Bell House Brushy Creek Ranch Subdivision 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	(location to be announced)
Saturday, December 3 rd	9:30am-4pm	
Saturday, December 3 rd	10am-4pm	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 need of teachers, childcare workers, nurses, etc. We can use anyone with passion for Jesus and a love for children. "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!

- Praise for money raised from the garage sale.
- Pray for Cocus to be healed from tuberculosis of the spine. Pray that the hump on his back shrinks.
- Pray for Mary as she has an EEG done. Pray for the specialist as he tries to get Mary's seizures under control.

- Pray for Joseph and Sara as they share with others about the ministry at the upcoming craft shows and speaking engagements. Pray for opportunities to share about Christ's love.
- 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.
- 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 these children's lives and the children will ultimately come to know the Lord.
- 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 →

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When you 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

Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

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