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RAFIKI AFRICA MINISTRIES

providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

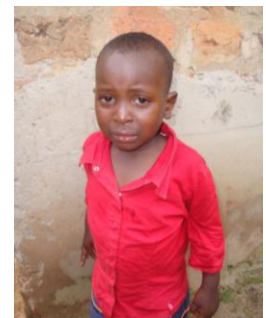
“And he answered them, ‘Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise’.” **Luke 3:11 ESV**

Welcome to Our First Three Children!

Last Friday, we received our first three children into the Rafiki Africa Home. God placed these precious children on our hearts. We hope God will place them on your hearts as well.



◀ **Fauziya** is 3 years old. She was born into a Muslim family. Both of her parents died when she was only a baby. For the past few years, she has been taken care of by a friend of the family. This family can no longer provide for Fauziya and take care of all of her needs. Fauziya is severely malnourished. She has the stick arms and legs and big protruding belly that are so common with children who are malnourished.



▶ **Joel** is 4 years old. Both of Joel’s parents died of AIDS. He was being taken care of by his uncle until recently. His uncle is dying of AIDS and can no longer take care of him.



◀ **Joshua** is five years old. He was living with his grandmother. Grandmother is called Jjaja in Luganda. His father died in a car accident. And his mother died shortly after that. His grandmother has been caring for him for the past two years. She can no longer take care of him and needs our help.

First days with the children:

The first night with the children in the home was very memorable. It was a learning experience for everyone. None of the children speak English. They speak the local language, Luganda. I have quickly been learning new phrases in Luganda such as senyaamanyo (brush your teeth), webake (sleep), and totekamukamwa (don’t put that in your mouth).

The kids had never before slept in a bed of their own. They learned how to make their beds. We taught them to bless their food before meals. On Sunday, we took the children to their first church service at Kampala Baptist Church. We have started having a devotional and worship time with the kids before bed. We are using a Children’s Devotional Bible and began with Genesis - the story of creation.

The children are such a joy. God has taken this ministry from a vision to reality in just 7 months! Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We serve an amazing, awesome, powerful, loving God!

God Bless You! Sara Hamilton



The children learning to hand wash their clothes.



Fauziya's First Bath

Would you like to make a difference in an orphan's life?

You can sponsor a child for only \$30 per month (only \$1 a day) 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. When you decide to sponsor a child you will be helping take care of their needs by paying for their shelter, 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: sarainafrika@yahoo.com

Sponsoring a child is a great way to learn about another country. We encourage you to write to the children. You can learn more about your child by writing letters through our P.O. Box in Uganda. You can send your family's picture to the child so that they can pray for you. In the future, we would like to send you a picture of your child and information about them. You can send your monthly support to our P.O. Box address in Pflugerville, Texas.

You can choose to sponsor Sara Hamilton (me) or any of our staff members. I will soon be posting our staff member's information on our website: www.rafikiministries.com

How YOU can support the ministry:

Pray: Thank you for your continued support and prayer. Please pray for the three precious children we have received into the home. Please pray for their adjustment into the home.

Give: Rafiki needs **YOUR** help! **YOU** can make a difference in the life of an orphaned child! Prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor.

Monetary Donations Needed:

- Children's shoes for church \$10 each
- Rugs for the bedrooms (need 3) \$50 each
- Washing Machine \$500
- Electric Razor for cutting kid's hair \$40
- Pressure Cooker \$50
- Mixer \$50
- Fan \$100
- File Cabinet \$100
- Safe/Lock Box \$45

Donations needed:

- *New or used projector
- *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, scissors, glue, etc.

*These items 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.



Checks can be made payable to:
Rafiki Africa Ministries, Inc.

Donations can be mailed to:
Rafiki Africa Ministries, Inc.
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 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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