



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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“For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17

Sewing Project at First Baptist Church Pflugerville



A sewing project is being led by Sarah Wallis and the wonderful women at First Baptist Church Pflugerville. Beautiful clothes are being handmade with love for the children in Uganda. Kits are shown above with fabric and patterns ready to sew. Even if you do not know how to sew or do not have a sewing machine you can contribute to this project by donating money, fabric, patterns, elastic, trim, etc. You could help cut out patterns so that someone else can sew them. Please visit the Sewing Project table set up in the church foyer to find out more information about how to help with the sewing project. Please speak to Sarah Wallis, shown in the pictures above, if you are interested in helping.

The kids at the Rafiki Home are watching right now as I type this newsletter. They are really interested in the pictures showing the new clothes and have quickly surrounded my computer and started pointing out which clothes are going to worn by each of them. Haha! As you can imagine, they do not get new clothes or toys very often. They cherish these gifts. These clothes will bring much joy to their lives. [Thank you for everyone that is helping in this sewing project.](#)

Please Pray for Jerom!



◀ Jerom Visited the Doctor's Office for an Abscess.

Jerom was really excited to get to go out with Mama Sara and Uncle Joseph. When we left the house to see the doctor he thought he was going to get a special treat and instead had to see the doctor and get his abscess drained. All of the nurses said that he was the best boy. He's been to the doctor 3 times trying to get this infection to heal and is being treated with antibiotics. The third time he didn't want to leave the house.

Jerom Enjoying a Fanta ►

After the third visit we decided that Jerom deserved a special treat for being a very good boy. We took him to get a soda after seeing the doctor. The children don't get sweet treats very often. As you can see in the picture on the right, he was a very happy boy after getting his Fanta orange soda.



Update on Mary

We saw a doctor this past week and he says that all her symptoms show that she does have epilepsy. Epilepsy is very common with children with cerebral palsy. He told us that the seizure medication will not correct her cerebral palsy but help her to not deteriorate further in the future. The doctor started Mary out on an anti-seizure medication. He started her on the lowest dose to start. We will continue to monitor her and adjust her medication as we need to. Please pray for Mary as we try to get her the correct and right dosage of medication to help her be seizure free. We were very thankful that God provided medicine for her at a very low cost, especially because she will probably need it ongoing. It seems every time we turn around we are taking one of the kids to the doctor.



◀ In this picture on the left, Mary is in her high chair, which was donated by one of our wonderful sponsors in America during our last visit to the United States. Thank you John and Margaret! The high chair was packed in a suitcase unassembled and Joseph and I took it to Uganda when we flew last. Mary is always in motion so it has helped immensely during meal time.

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 Brenda! She has healed wonderfully from malaria. Thank you for your prayers!
- Praise for Me! I no longer have a cold and have not had a migraine in the past week. Praise God! Please continue to pray for our baby on the way.
- Pray for Mary as we try to get her on the right medication for her seizures.
- Pray for Jerom as he continues to heal from his abscess.
- Pray for Joseph as he applies for a transit visa to the UK. We have to spend the night in London as we travel through the Heathrow airport on our way to Texas at the beginning of June. Joseph is applying for a transit visa so that we can spend one night at the airport.
- Please pray alongside us as we make the decision to hire an administrator for the Rafiki Home. Pray that God will reveal the person he intends us to hire for this new job position. We have someone in mind that we hope will be a blessing to Rafiki.
- Pray for the current situation in Uganda following the February 18th presidential elections. 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 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 9 children currently in the home (listed from youngest to oldest) Jerom, Annet, Esther, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, Brenda, 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: sarainafrika@yahoo.com

Donations can be made payable to and mailed to:

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