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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**

We are Growing!



Praise: The kids are adjusting well to their new home. Here is a picture of them on the front steps of the home.

Bible Stories: Every night we tell a different story during our devotional time. We want the kids to know that spending time with God daily is very important. During our devotional time this past week we asked Joshua, “Do you know what the sun is?”, and Joshua replied, “The sun was made by God”.

◀ Fauziya, Joshua, Joel, and Annet

Our newest little girl, Annet:

Annet is 2 ½ -3 years old. (We do not have a birth date for any of the children). Her father died from HIV/AIDS and her mother abandoned her shortly after. She has been taken care of by a guardian in the community where she was born but the guardian can no longer provide for her. Annet has the large head, stick arms and legs, and big protruding belly that are common with children who are severely malnourished. She is so sweet!



◀ Annet on Her First Day ▶

We take each child to a local pediatric clinic to be HIV tested. Praise God Annet is HIV negative!!!

Prayerfully consider sponsoring Annet or one of the other children.

More children in the Home?

A local ministry in Kampala called to ask if we could give a home to a 6-year-old girl that lives in one of the largest ghettos in Kampala. She has some physical and learning disabilities. We have also been made aware of a 4 year old boy that needs a home. Please join us in prayer for these children and for God to guide us in this decision.

Ohhh...I have a Praise!

It has been raining a lot lately and it has been cooler than usual. We were prayerfully considering going to buy some sweaters and socks for the children. There is a local pool and it is not expensive to go swimming but we did not have swimsuits for the children. Praise! Another orphanage in the area gave us an entire suitcase full of clothes that their children had outgrown. And guess what? They gave us sweaters, socks, underwear, dresses for the girls, and exactly 4 swimsuits...2 boys and 2 girls AND they are the perfect sizes for our children. God provided exactly what we needed!!



Milk Man:

Our milkman comes to our door every Monday to deliver fresh cow's milk. He rides his bicycle to homes in the area. We purchase it by the liter in plastic bags. It makes me feel like I am living in a 1950's era movie where the milkman leaves the milk at the door. (Is it 1950's?? I think you know what I mean, although I don't think they used plastic bags back then.) The milk is not pasteurized so we freeze it then defrost it during the week. We use milk everyday to make porridge for the kids in the morning. They usually eat porridge, bread, and a piece of fruit.

We are thankful to God and for His provision for us!

We are so thankful for you!

God Bless You!

Sara Hamilton

Rafiki needs YOUR help!

YOU can make a difference in the life of an orphaned child!

Pray:

- ▶ that the love of Jesus Christ shows through our staff to these precious children.
- ▶ that God will continue to provide for our needs as we grow and that God will be glorified.
- ▶ that we will be good stewards of the money we receive for the ministry.
- ▶ that the applications for non-profit (USA) and non-government (Uganda) status will be approved.
- ▶ that the kids will continue to adjust and feel secure in their new home.
- ▶ for wisdom in how best to meet each child's needs.
- ▶ for God's provision to set up a preschool classroom in the garage at the home.
- ▶ for me (Sara). I am teaching the children English and they are teaching me Luganda (Help Lord!).

Give:

Prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor. 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, 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

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

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
Bookshelf \$50
Classroom - Tables and Benches \$100
Classroom - Large Chalkboard with stand \$75
Educational Posters \$10
School Materials \$20

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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