



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing Hope and Love through Jesus Christ

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Website: www.rafikiministries.com

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Yum! Fajitas and Chapatis



► Joseph is making chapatis (similar to tortillas except a little thicker). Chapatis are a popular Ugandan food. Many of their favorite dishes originated from British Indian cuisine. Uganda is in the British Commonwealth. We cooked chicken on the stove and made fajitas. We had a very international meal with influences from Mexico, Texas, Uganda, and India. Yum!



◀ Jjaja Frank (Granddad) marveling over the giant size of avocados in Uganda. Avocadoes grow abundantly in Uganda and are very inexpensive. We can buy 5 large avocados for the equivalent of \$1 USD. One avocado is about the same as 2 or 3 in Texas...so not everything is bigger in Texas! I can say that because I'm from Texas. ☺



◀► Annet and Fauziya helping Mama Sara (me) make guacamole. In Uganda, avocadoes are normally served sliced with the meal. I had fun teaching the kids how to make guacamole. The kids had never eaten mashed avocados before but it has become one of our favorites!



Medical Care for Mary

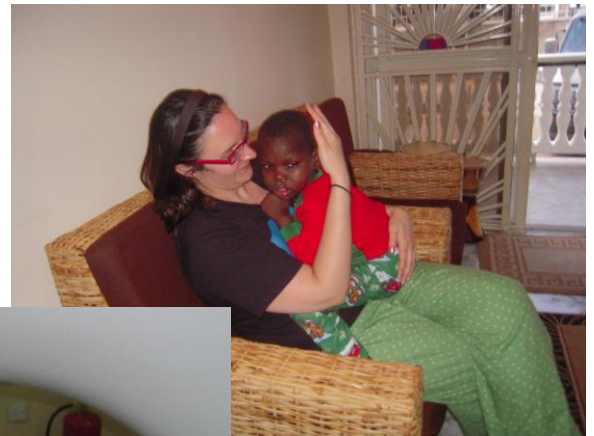
Mary has cerebral palsy and has a bump on her head that is increasing in size. Sometimes people with cerebral palsy have tumors. We have been praying for a way to help Mary because we do not have the funds to do the medical testing she needs. A friend told us about *Cure International* and we discovered they have an office in Kampala. We went there and they wanted us to leave immediately for their clinic in Mbale, Uganda, which is 3 hours from Kampala. We were concerned that she might have something that might be making her cerebral palsy symptoms worse. Mary, Joseph and I traveled on Tuesday to Mbale. God answered our pray and provided this amazing opportunity for Mary to be tested!

Cure International was willing to operate on Mary at no cost to us if she could be helped with surgery. We spent one night in Mbale and Mary had a CT scan on Wednesday morning. Praise God....everything was normal!! The doctor told us the

swelling on her head was most likely caused by mistreatment and abuse from her previous home before she came to be at the Rafiki Home. However, we really aren't sure. She can walk but is very unstable on her feet so it may have happened by falling and hitting her head. The doctor said that the brain damage causing the cerebral palsy most likely occurred due to an illness when she was a baby such as malaria or an infection. The doctor was very excited to see a child with cerebral palsy doing so well. She said that we have already accomplished a lot with her care and over time she will continue to improve. The doctor referred us to an occupational and speech therapist. We are very excited that Mary is well!!! We have an amazing God! :) I feel peace knowing that as I leave Uganda for Texas that Mary is okay and we are doing everything we can to help her.



◀ Mary's CT Scan



▲ Mary and Sara



I'm Coming to Texas in October

I will be coming to Texas on October 19th, 2010. I will be fundraising for Rafiki Africa Ministries and raising awareness of orphaned or destitute children in Uganda. I will be in Texas from mid-October to the end of December. I will be available to speak at churches, schools, rotary clubs, etc. about the Rafiki Home. If you would like more information or would like to schedule me to speak, please email me at: sarainfrica@yahoo.com.

Host a Rafiki Bead Party

Would you like to host a party at your home? Do you and your friends want to learn more about the Rafiki Home and what God is doing in Uganda? You can support the ministry by hosting a Rafiki bead party. Crafts from Uganda will be displayed and available for purchase. Sara Hamilton, Founder and Director of Rafiki Africa Ministries, will be available to ask questions.



Craft Shows in Texas

We will be having an Open House for Rafiki Africa Ministries on Saturday, November 6th from 10am to 4pm at my home in Pflugerville, Texas. I will be available to answer questions about the ministry and the wonderful work that God is doing in Uganda. We will have crafts available for sell to help support the ministry. You are welcome! Please come!

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.

In the pictures above and below, the kids are helping me organize baskets to pack in my suitcases to take to Texas for the craft shows. The kids tried to teach me how to carry a basket on my head. I have to admit they are much better at it than I am. They are wearing clothes that were sewn for them and/or donated.



Joshua



Annet



Oscar



Fauziya

Date

Time

Location

Saturday, October 23 rd	9am to 4pm	Leander High School Craft Market in Leander, TX
Friday, October 29 th	9am to 6pm	Labor of Love Craft Show at
Saturday, October 30 th	9 am to 4pm	Hillcrest Baptist Church in Austin, TX
Saturday, November 6 th	10am to 4pm	Open House – Jo and Frank Hamilton’s Home 803 West Noton Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Saturday, November 13 th	9am to 4 pm	Rockin’ Around the Holidays Bazaar Clay Madsen Center in Round Rock, TX
Saturday, November 20 th	9am to 6pm	Fredericksburg Trade Days
Sunday, November 21 st	9am to 4pm	Fredericksburg, TX
Friday, November 26 th	9am to 6pm	Fredericksburg Trade Days
Saturday, November 27 th	9am to 6pm	Fredericksburg, TX
Sunday, November 28 th	9am to 4pm	
Saturday, December 4 th	10am to 4pm	Vista Ridge High School Cafeteria in Vista Ridge, TX

Matching Gifts – Double the Value of your Gift!!

More than 75,000 companies nationwide match charitable contributions, doubling the value of your gift! To find out if you or your spouse's employer (or parent company) will match your gift, please contact your Human Resources department and obtain the appropriate matching gift form.

Please mail your completed form to:

Rafiki Africa Ministries
RE: Matching Gifts Program
P.O. Box 3526
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526

“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.”

John 15:12-13 NIV

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 safe travel as Sara Hamilton Kiwanuka flies from Uganda to Texas on October 18th.
- 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 7 children currently in the home (listed from youngest to oldest) Jerom, Annet, Oscar, Fauziya, Joel, 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: sarainfrica@yahoo.com

Monetary Donations Needed to Purchase:

School Fees for Fauziya, Joshua, Joel, & Oscar - \$150 each child

Immunizations - \$50 for each child

Car Seats – \$150 each

Special High Chair for Mary – \$200

Extra mattresses – \$60 each

Classroom – Tables and Benches \$100

Classroom – Large Chalkboard with stand \$75

Donations can be made payable to and mailed to:

**Rafiki Africa Ministries
P.O. Box 3526
Pflugerville, TX 78691-3526**

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