

# RAINING HOPE

“And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture.” Zechariah 10:1

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## Happy 11th Anniversary!

Our Dear Beloved Sponsors and Partners,  
We are so grateful to God for what He has done through you for the past ten years. As we celebrate year eleven, we look back at what our lives were before and where we are now. The hope that fills our hearts causes us to give God praise for you. God has used you so much in our lives to get us to where we are today. Our children have grown so much to know the Lord deeper and to serve Him. They have been taken care of in all aspects of life so that they can realize their dreams. We've seen dreams come true with the ones who have graduated from college. Above all, through the example of their Christian life, they have continued to be an influence to the lives of many as they become witnesses for Christ. This all has been possible because of the selfless support and love that you extend to us in many ways.

Through our Mum Eydie Kisakye, we've heard of you and she communicates your love and care to us. God has used her to be an encouragement to the ministry in many ways. Thank you as well for being an encouragement to our dear Mum in every way.

We, along with the rest of the world have faced the challenge of COVID19 in ways that continue to affect how we live. Despite all the struggles and pain, you have continued to express your love and support so that we have all the necessities for living. Such love is possible by the grace of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I therefore, pray that God will comfort all those that have been affected by the virus. However this pandemic has affected you or your family we are keeping you close in prayer. We pray for those who may have lost loved ones, gotten sick or lost jobs. May the God of all comfort strengthen you in your spirit. We pray for power and courage to continue in Him doing good at all times knowing well that this pandemic will also pass.

Our hope is in the Lord who is both King and Lord. Thank you again for such love that you've continued to show us. We are forever thankful. May God's peace be with you in such a time. We are praying for you always during our evening prayers. We love you and we bless the Lord for you.

Happy 11th Anniversary  
Shalom

Pastor Godfrey



SEPTEMBER 2020

## A Word of Thanks from Mama Kisakye



I want to thank everyone for celebrating our **year long celebration of 10 years** of being the “Raining Hope” family. We pray you enjoyed getting to know more about our students each month in the newsletters. Their testimonies and how Raining Hope has made a difference in their lives is **beautiful confirmation of what your support, encouragement and prayers have done in the lives of our precious family.**

I pray you were able to check out the website each month to see the **videos** of the highlighted students. Their stories are powerful to read. To **see and hear** their voices on video is an added bonus! Those videos will remain on the website to bring continued smiles to your heart. Special thanks to Carol John for all her work to get those uploaded on our website each month. We are also thankful to Ricky McDonald from Grace Fellowship who created our 10-Year Anniversary logo for us!

When we began the celebration last year, we like the rest of the world had not anticipated the unprecedented lockdown. This **changed a lot of the plans** we had for how we were going to celebrate the 10 year milestone.

I had returned home in December 2019 after being in the SF Bay Area the past two years helping my family. We were excited for the new year and the 10 year anniversary celebration. We planned various fundraisers including reviving the successful golf tournament. Then COVID-19 became a part of our reality. That put a hold on many of our projects.

Even though we were not able to do what **WE planned, God’s plans prevailed!**

*“My plans aren’t your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans.” Isaiah 55:8-9*

Looking back on the twelve anniversary editions of the newsletter, we rejoice in how **God miraculously provided and continues to provide** during the pandemic. **Miraculously. Only God.** The quarantine and lockdown, rising food prices, floods, threat of locusts, and moving islands created many unknowns and uncertainties. Yet, we were able to send the **full budget at the beginning of each month** to make sure our family had what they needed while sheltering in place and staying safe.

We serve a God who sees. We are experiencing His presence, His peace and His love in powerful ways. Your **sacrificial giving and outpouring of loving support** has **deeply affected** our Raining Hope family. They have grown **deeper in their relationship with the Lord** as they have experienced first hand the provisions of their **“daily bread”** (Matthew 6:11). During quarantine, I have learned the art of making sourdough bread. In the next newsletter, I will be sharing more about how making bread brought to life what God has been doing in our lives as the Raining Hope family.

The radio ministry was born out of the necessity to reach the needs of the church and community **safely.** We are now reaching countless people throughout the nation of Uganda because of this one act of obedience of Godfrey to **simply continue preaching the Word of God** despite the challenge of **not being able to meet in person.**

As we celebrate our 11th Anniversary of becoming Raining Hope and over 13 years since I first stepped foot on Ugandan soil, I simply want to say **THANK YOU.**

There will be a perfect time for the other projects we planned. During this difficult time of isolation and no hugging... you have wrapped your arms around our family to help us know we are never alone. **That is priceless.**

Happy 11th Anniversary! You are loved. *Mama Eydie Kisakye*

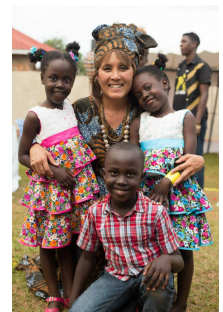


Photo: Shannon Robinson

*“...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8*

## Sewing Machine & Chickens!



Godfrey has another amazing testimony of how **God is providing during the pandemic**. One of his friends, who wants to remain anonymous blessed Godfrey and Raining Hope with some very special gifts. Before the lockdown, Godfrey was **helping this individual with a specific need**. Once the lockdown happened, it became more difficult to complete that task. But Godfrey successfully helped his friend in ways that went **above and beyond**. He did it out of **complete love** for his long time friend.



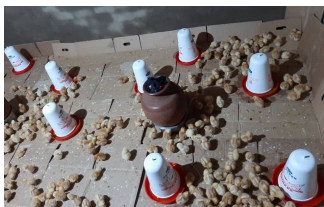
Godfrey's friend was so **overwhelmed with thankfulness** that he wanted to do something for Raining Hope. One afternoon after the completion of the task, his friend asked if Godfrey would help him run a couple of errands. They went to a local poultry farm and a shop that sells sewing machines. He told Godfrey he had to pick up a machine for his wife. Then came the surprise. He said, "Pastor Godfrey, you have been such a friend and brother. I have friends from where I live and yet you have been a blessing to me since we met so long ago in school. We came to Uganda as refugees and I am also serving in another ministry. Yet, God wanted me to meet such a loving soul like yours. You are the one I call my brother in Uganda. You encouraged me so much while in school when I lost almost everything when rebels attacked my home in South Sudan. You have always prayed for the people in South Sudan. When we were together in school you always talked about doing a **poultry project and getting a sewing machine to make clothes for the needy**. So that is why I decided to **give you what your heart needed**." This friend handed Godfrey a receipt to pick up 300 chicks! He also handed him the new sewing machine that really was for Godfrey. He said "The chicks were not ready yet. So I have placed the order in your name for the chicks. **All is paid for**." Godfrey told me,



"When I saw what my friend was doing for us it was so encouraging. It was such good news. This is a **rare case for Ugandans to do this**. God taught me a big lesson through this. Irene will take care of the chicks and teach others to help. These are "layers" for eggs only. We can use them for our eggs and also sell some. We will find someone to train the others to sew."



They already started with making aprons. They are learning how to make bags, clothing, uniforms and other items so they can generate some income. Godfrey's friend was so excited to see the interest they have had in learning that he **bought them a second sewing machine and an overlock machine for edging, hemming and seaming**. They have had a friend named Alfred who has come to be their teacher.



Godfrey said his friend is a good friend with a good heart. Please join us in praying for this friend of Raining Hope who has **blessed us out of gratitude** for Godfrey's servant heart.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Update:

1. **FOOD SUPPLY** - This is still a huge issue. **The prices are still very high.** Godfrey said depending on the supply and demand, some prices have come down while others remain high. Due to COVID-19 there is still the danger of lack of food and people dying of starvation.
2. **RADIO MINISTRY** - With the increase of phone calls to Godfrey's personal cell phone, we would like to install at least 2 landlines to receive phone calls from those who want to pray, share their testimonies and to pray to receive Christ. The cost per land line is \$40. There is no additional monthly cost for a landline. The phones are mainly used for people calling in. If ministry calls are made out, they would buy airtime like their cell phones.

Godfrey is training our older students to speak to and pray with those who call in. They are also exploring a monthly training via their social media platforms for **new believers to help them in their new walk with Christ.**

Through two generous donations we have been able to cover the radio program fees **through October 2020.** Continue to pray for the **monthly \$135 airtime fee for the local program . The National Radio program is at no charge.**

3. **CLOTHING** - Now that we have the sewing machines, they will begin making some of their clothing. We are still in need of purchasing clothing for all the students. They will also be purchasing material for what they are sewing.
4. **COMPLIANCE** - COVID-19 also stopped the process of our coming under compliance to receive our official license. Recently, Godfrey was able to meet with the officials who have been working with us. Because the country is not yet fully open, we still have time to come under compliance. Please be in prayer for the needed funds to finish projects and pay fees.
5. **VAN REPAIRS** - New battery, new brakes, steering pump & labor - \$361

## PRAISE REPORT



The front gate column needed to be repaired last month. Due to the weight of the gate, it required a stronger column. We were able to repair it before the whole thing came down which would have created a security threat. The repair only was about \$85.

**Our budget has increased over the last six months** mainly due to the **rise in food supplies.** We continue to be reminded of Joseph who in Genesis 41:46-57 prepared for seven years of famine by storing up grain. The flooding, locusts, COVID-19 have all done their damage. It will take awhile to recover. We continue to pray for the needed funds to cover the rising monthly budget needs as we don't know what the rest of 2020 will look like or what 2021 will have in store for all of us. Thankfully, we can trust our God who IS in control! **Thank you all for caring for the family at such a time as this. You are making an eternal difference.**

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways  
acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths"*  
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

**CHECKS:** Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as SCHOOL FEES etc. or BUDGET and send to our stateside office. If multiple donations come in for a specific need, funds will be placed in the budget to cover the needs. If there is no designation it will go in budget to use at our discretion.

**CREDIT CARD:** You can also make credit card donations on our website - [www.rainingshope.org](http://www.rainingshope.org).

**TEXT TO GIVE:** If you would like to send a text to give to Raining Hope by credit card, just send a text to 844-544-7171 and text RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts and you will receive a receipt! **Text to Give has no additional charges.**

**If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - 805-377-7387**

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE;**  
During COVID-19 virus restrictions and "shelter in place" orders in California, we requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is harder to retrieve when the front office is not occupied.

**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive  
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**You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.**