



“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH 10:1

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Beacon of Hope

Beacon of Hope is the Sponsorship program for our Raining Hope Ministries family in Uganda. Those who are regular monthly sponsors or give individual gifts throughout the year are a part of our Beacon of Hope program.

Regular sponsorship is a **minimum of \$30 a month**. You are welcome to give more than the minimum amount. The **monthly budget** average **per student** to cover food, shelter, clothing, medicine, supplies etc. is closer to \$120 per month. This average has gone up since COVID as the cost of food and supplies has continued to rise. But to make it affordable we set the minimum at \$30 a month so more people could be involved in sponsorship. We **raise school fees separately** from the monthly budget **three times a year**. Each school year is made up of three terms. We have primary (elementary), secondary (middle school & high school) and post secondary levels (university & vocational/trade school). You can also make a **one time gift of any amount**.

Instead of having multiple sponsors per student, we shifted from a one-to-one sponsorship program to a **“Beacon of Hope Family Sponsorship.”** This way you sponsor the ministry as a whole. Raining Hope has looked into other faith-based organizations who are successfully following this model. This has also been successful for us as a ministry for many years now. **Initial sponsors who were paired with a specific student before we shifted to this model have continued to be the sponsor for that student.**



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Because our students live together at our home, **our goal is for you to get to know all of our students that make up our Raining Hope family.** We have watched these students grow up since Eydie's first mission's trip in 2006/2007.

Most of our students are now high school and post secondary school age. **Each one of our students has a powerful story to tell.** In order to get to the heart of Raining Hope and our mission, this model is the way you can be more acquainted with our students who are Raining Hope.

We are committed to these students that we have watched grow up since we began in 2007. The cost of schooling in Uganda increases as students continue from primary to secondary school. Post-secondary education has greatly increased our school fee budget. Since COVID-19, there have been **changes in the educational system which is a major cause of the increase.** Raining Hope is committed to helping our students **through university or vocational school and then launching them in their new careers.** We have successfully graduated students from seminary, hotel management, journalism and broadcasting, social work and nursing. Our first graduate left us after finishing secondary school. He moved back to Rwanda and put himself through law school by working three jobs and graduated top male in his class!

We are not accepting any new children in the program due to the **new rules of compliance** set by the Ugandan system. We are shifting to **Community Based Programs that effectively will help more students in the community with school supplies, mentoring & tutoring.** Our goal is to open a **community center that will help meet needs in our surrounding community.**

As I was working on this, a song came on, https://youtu.be/x352fBdYGZk?si=YDXnNK_kWbzEAzmc "One More Day" by Sons of Sunday. It brought me to tears because I thought of our Raining Hope family. **The last eighteen years since my first trip to Uganda, there have been many ups and downs.** We faced **challenges and opposition** to what God was doing in our midst. In the testimonies of our students, **many thought they were a "nobody" and didn't think they would live to make it this far.**

We didn't give up.

The words of this song are powerful. I can almost hear each one of our Raining Hope family singing these words, *"Cause You gave me one more day - To say, "I love You". **You have brought me all this way - To testify of grace.** What more can I say - But, "Hallelujah" - **Thank You, Jesus - Thank You, Jesus - Thank You, Jesus** - 'Cause You gave me one more day - One more day".*

YOU are the reason our students have a testimony of God's amazing grace. THANK YOU for being an important part of our story. **It is ALL ABOUT HIM and NOT ABOUT US.** You are helping us accomplish Kingdom work. Thank you for making it all about magnifying His Holy Name.

For further questions, you can email Eydie at signinghands49@yahoo.com or leave a message at 805-340-7612 and we will be in touch as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning billing donations or how to give monthly as a Beacon of Hope partner, please contact Carol John at carol@raininghope.org or 805-377-7387. Thank you for standing with our family!



15TH ANNIVERSARY GREETING FROM TAMARAH



L: Joanne R: Tamarah

Hello Sponsors!

It is a pleasure writing to you all once again. My name is Tamarah. I am 21 years old. My life was a total mess before I joined Raining Hope. I was a young girl who never knew Christ. I was living with my mom who was a single mother. Schooling was not a part of your thoughts being that my mom as a single mother could not raise the money to support us and also take me to school. Here came an opportunity to join Raining Hope and all things turned the other way around. I got saved and loved God. This brought in my love for books and also started school. I thank God I am now in my last year in high school (last September) and strongly believe I will join University and achieve my dream at becoming an accountant. I really thank God for making me a part of the Raining Hope family. All my life I have been a blessing to many lives through my testimony. I thank you all for being my stepping stone. May God continue to bless you.

My ministry has been another story to tell where I used to fear to share the gospel because my friends would mock me asking me, "Where is your God"? I would have no answer because of what I was going through as a young girl who was yearning to know God. But, as I got stronger in God and I knew who I am in Him, the confidence He gives to those who trust Him, all the tears are no more right now. I can strongly stand, share the Word of God and usher my friends to church as a strong standing, proud usher of Raining Hope Ministries.

I really would like to thank you all for being a good family to me since I joined Raining Hope until now. There have been many years down the road since we started not leaving out the challenges that we conquered through prayer and fasting. With God being our strength. I believe we are going far. I take this opportunity to grant special thanks to Mum Kisakye who has never thought of giving up on me. I really appreciate the effort she puts in to keeping us bonded.

May God bless you all so much. Happy Anniversary to all of you my dear sponsors.

Showers of Love to All! Tamarah

Birthday: January 30, 2003

Hobbies: Worshipping

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalms 40:1 - "I waited patiently for the Lord's help; then He listened to me and heard my cry". This encourages me to always wait upon the Lord because His time is the best time, better than what the world shows me.



Baptism-2017



2019



2023



Last year passed so quickly! It is hard to believe that we are now starting our 16th year as Raining Hope! We apologize that we didn't get the video greetings of each student on our website for the 15th anniversary. **They are now all uploaded on our website on the front page.** You can find them on www.raininghope.org. Their stories that were posted each month in the newsletter are also a part of their video greeting. We were posting one testimony a month last year. We still have a few more that we will continue to post.

THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

Senior Secondary School

Dan	Senior 5
Jemimah	Senior 4
Jael	Senior 2

Dreams & Goals

Business
Accountant
Doctor

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Senior Secondary School: \$1654 or \$551 each

Primary School

Jireh	Primary 7	Drama
Hope	Primary 4	Pilot
Trust	Primary 3	

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary: \$1,085 or \$362 each

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Zuluta	Makare University/Business Admin	Accountant	\$ 960
Maria	YMCA	Catering	\$ 546

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Post Secondary School/Trade School \$1,506

GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING (new exchange rate) \$4,245

Wired -(\$1,500)

Balance Due Now \$2,745

We appreciate you **joining us in prayer. Thank you for giving our students hope for their futures.** This year we have **Jemimah and Jireh in candidate class for promotion.** They are sitting for their national examinations which Jemimah will join senior five which we call advanced level here and Jireh will join senior one which we call ordinary level.

Fees are currently due as the school began September 8, 2025. Jemimah and Jireh begin September 5, 2025 because of their national exams.

Tamarah was admitted to Makerere University Business School in Kampala. She was offered a Bachelor Course in Commerce. She has always dreamed of working in the banking sector. **Joanne** was also admitted to Victoria University Kampala. Joanne had applied for a course of a Bachelors of Science in Food Technology and Dietetics at Kyambogo University, but because she didn't perform well in Biology, she was instead admitted at Victoria University and offered a **Bachelor course in Agriculture and Rural Innovation.**

Tamarah	Makare University - Bachelor of Commerce Fees	\$ 638
	Requirements (Application/Admission Fees/Transport/Meals/Materials/Hostel)	\$ 696
	Subtotal for Tamara	\$1,334

Joanne	Victoria University Kampala - Bachelor of Agriculture & Rural Innovation	\$ 574
	Requirements (Application/Admission Fees/Transport/Meals/Materials/Hostel)	\$ 641
	Subtotal for Joanne	\$1,215

Grand Total for School Fees and Requirements for Tamara & Joanne for first trimester \$2,549

Received \$2,210

Balance: \$ 439



1. **SCHOOL FEES** - The balance for Tamarah & Joanne for their University fees is now due for their first trimester. The balance now due for the first trimester is **\$439**. **School Fees for the third term for the other students is due now. The grand total is \$2,745.** The total balance for all students is due now or they will be sent home and not allowed to finish this school year.
2. **BUDGET** - We are thankful for our sponsors who sacrificially support Raining Hope each month. **Thank you for reading the newsletter monthly to pray for our projects and our regular needs.** We still need your prayers as our monthly sponsorships don't cover the full budget amount. We need about \$500 a month more in regular monthly sponsorships. **We are thankful for the recent donations given above and beyond the regular monthly sponsorships.** This has helped us the past few months to send the full budget at the beginning of the month. The budget needs in Uganda average close to \$2,400 a month. **Our biggest need right now is to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs.** We appreciate your prayers for these provisions.
3. **COMPLIANCE RENEWAL** - The two compliance projects still need to be completed or at least in progress before the compliance officers return to renew our license. We are in jeopardy of not receiving a renewal if we haven't started the **Community Support Hospital Project or the Repairing the Shelter.**
4. **NEW PRINTER:** Please be in prayer as we are in need of a new printer. Godfrey has looked at various printers and there is one that will cost **\$178**. The current printer has run its course. Godfrey needs the printer for Raining Hope office paperwork.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **school fees or compliance** you would mark your check **"SCHOOL FEES" or "COMPLIANCE"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **regular budget** to use at our discretion.

Checks can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

***CREDIT CARD:** On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code to the right. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**

ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle **from your online banking account**

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount



If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org.

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Note: * These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts.

There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.