

RAINING HOPE

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

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RAINING HOPE RADIO MINISTRY



We are thankful to God that many people continue to be encouraged and stand strong in their faith through the Raining Hope Radio Ministry. People have been calling in to give testimonies, ask for prayer and to give their lives to Christ.

Godfrey continues to **faithfully proclaim the Word of God**. People are taking notice that the Raining Hope radio program is **not about asking for money or about promoting a preacher or person**.

Because of the local Radio Ministry, we had **something remarkable happen**. **Godfrey has been invited to preach on the Uganda National Radio!** The national radio station is located in Kampala and has programming on Sundays from 6:00 am-10:00 am with mainly worship music. They wanted a pastor to preach for one hour from 8:00 am-9:00 am.

There are many prominent pastors in Kampala that could have been asked, A woman in our fellowship works with Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) which is a National Media Centre. This person said that Godfrey was chosen based on the testimonies being heard from the local Radio Ministry. This is a door that has opened to **reach a wider coverage**.

They originally wanted Godfrey to preach live each Sunday so people could call in during the program. He declined because of our commitment to the radio ministry in Jinja which ministers to our local community. The national radio station agreed to have him come to the station once a month to preach live. The other Sundays will be a message that Godfrey will pre-record in their studio. The Sunday he preaches in Kampala they will pre-record the message in Jinja.

The radio station **waived the charge for the hour of airtime!** Normally for national coverage the cost is approximately \$275 an hour!

When they asked Godfrey what he expects from the radio program, his reply was, “I simply want people to go to another level in their spiritual walk. I want them to hear from God through His Word.”

Godfrey and the Raining Hope family continue to stand on His truth with highest integrity, proclaiming the Word of God. It is all about Him, not about us and everything we do is Kingdom work. He receives all the glory!

*“God is faithful. When we **stand strong and stay humble and focus on His truth**, He opens more doors for the propagation of his Word. I am thankful to God. He wants the truth to reach out to the entire nation at such a time. Thanks for praying and continuing to support the Radio Ministry. I am in awe of Him and anticipate what He is yet to do for this opened door.”* Godfrey

Raining Hope Radio Ministry



Godfrey sent these **testimonies from listeners who call him after the program:**

Testimony 1:

A man named Edward from one of the **large prisons** in Uganda called in. The prison is on an island near Jinja. He thanked them for the program and was encouraged that we **continued to do God's work in the midst of the pandemic**. Edward works as the prison warden. He said, "Pastor, thank you for the program. Since I started listening to you, I have been encouraged more so in this time. In both services on Sunday, I encourage my colleagues to listen to your sermons and indeed I am encouraged. I

have seen my colleagues change their lives since they started listening to you. I encouraged some prisoners to tune in so they can listen from God's Word and so you can pray with them. Your ministry is **making a difference here in the prisons**. Today, when you were sharing about the peace of God and Jerusalem, we didn't want you to stop. Continue to be a blessing to our nation. After the fellowship reopens, **I will have you come and reach out to us and perhaps the prisoners.**"

This testimony was so encouraging to me. I am so thankful to God and His grace. I am thankful to the Holy Spirit and what He is doing in the lives of people through the radio ministry. Thanks to all who are supporting God's work. (Godfrey)

Testimony 2:

There is a lady by the name of Jane. She called and was **thankful for her marriage that is experiencing a change since her husband started following the teachings on the radio**. She had a very difficult time during the lockdown with her husband. The husband abandoned them and only came back when he wanted. Jane said, "One day when he came back on Saturday night, he stayed until Sunday morning. I turned on the radio to listen to you. At first when he heard the preaching he didn't seem to like it much at first. But then he continued listening and asked who the preacher was. I told him your name and about Raining Hope Ministries. He didn't comment further but kept listening to the message concerning the Call to father. After the preaching, he as well prayed with you. Since then I noticed a big change in his life and he also sees the change in me. My husband now stays home and he is doing all he can to provide food. Thank you for being a blessing to me and my family."

This was so encouraging. In this lockdown where marriages are breaking and we see a rise in domestic violence, it is encouraging to hear of a marriage that is being restored. I personally gave God the praise. The radio program is touching and changing lives. To God be the Glory for all He is doing through the radio ministry. (Godfrey)

Testimony 3:

Godfrey had another man called him after listening to the Sunday program. This man is from the fishing village where the "island" had broken off from the lake and moved right up against their village. This man said that he first began listening to the program. Now they have set up speakers in two of the markets to broadcast the program each Sunday. He said that **people are praying to accept Christ during the time of commitment**. He requested for Godfrey to come to the village to speak in person. When the lockdown is lifted from larger gatherings, **Godfrey will take a team over there to preach in person**.



Meet Jonathan



Dear Great Men & Women of God:
I greet you in Jesus name our Lord. I am Jonathan and professionally, Dr. Jonathan! I appreciate all the good things and great work God is doing in you for us to be blessed.

I pray that God will bless you unstoppable.

I am 24 years old. God has done a lot of things in me. Looking back in time, I didn't have school fees and was often chased away from school. Lack of food was an issue. Most of the time I only ate once a day. I had poor clothing as I would have to wear the same clothes for a week. I

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didn't have exposure to other people and I didn't know God. Since I joined Raining Hope Ministries, I know God deeply through what Mama Kisakye has taught us and Uncle Godfrey.

We eat food in time for all meals; breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper. We are growing healthy and fat! (In Ugandan culture, "fat" means "healthy") Wow! Life is great. In the Raining Hope family our fees are paid in time. Sometimes our fees are paid in advance even before we arrive at school. We are performing well in our classes. I am meeting many great men and women of God. Before going to school I was not exposed to different categories of people with more experience in my career.

My dream is becoming true. I am now a great doctor through Christ! Dr. Jonathan! Wow!

May God bless you every second, minute, hour, daily, weekly, monthly and throughout your whole life.

Raining Hope Forever! Long live Raining Hope!

I am proud to be a part and born into Raining Hope. I am living a happy and joy-filled life because of the Raining Hope family.

Yours truly,
Dr. Jonathan



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Birthday: July 21, 1996
Dream: Doctor / Own a pharmacy

Jonathan **completed his nursing school studies** and began volunteering at a clinic in the Kampala area. He was in that area when the lockdown hit. **His dream is to establish his own clinic in Uganda.**

Favorite verse: "Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close." Psalm 27:10

COVID-19 PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE - JULY 23, 2020

1. **In Uganda there are now 1078 confirmed cases, 958 recoveries, 1 death.** Cases have **gone higher as the restrictions have eased.** Many are starting to **abandon protective measure as they are tired of following the rules.** In the Presidential address he states that they are headed for great danger if people don't behave. He spoke against those who are no longer taking the virus seriously. If cases go high, the government and health care may be overwhelmed leading to many corona related deaths. If numbers increase they may reinstate the quarantine.
2. **The quarantine** has been lifted but "lockdown" continues with schools, churches, bars, parties and all public gatherings. As a family, Godfrey made the decision to **continuing to remain in the compound to stay safe.**
3. **Curfew is still in place.** Curfew is no movement on the streets from 9 pm to 6:30 am the next day.
4. **Public means of transportation have begun to function.** Taxi vans must be at half normal capacity and riders must wear masks. This has increased transport fare as passengers are charged double. Boda boda's have been allowed to function with strict restrictions.
5. **Food markets are opened. Some general merchandise stores are allowed to re-open.**
6. **Private vehicles** can operate with no more than three people in a car.
7. **No one is allowed in public without masks** or they will be arrested. The government is going to provide **reusable face masks.** After the mass distribution of the masks lockdown will be eased slowly. If the masks are not ready the lockdown may be extended.

NATIONAL RADIO MINISTRY

Godfrey's first program on National Radio was Sunday, August 2nd. Because it was pre-recorded, all phone calls for prayer and testimonies were made to Godfrey's personal cell phone. He said the feedback mainly focused on how powerful the Word of God is and thankful for truth being proclaimed at a time they need it the most. He was highly encouraged.

We are praying about installing **two to three landlines in the office** at the home to receive these calls. Godfrey is training our older students to speak to and pray with those who call in! This allows our students to continue to have an active role in the ministry. It also helps ease the load from Godfrey who already was inundated with phone calls from the local station. They are also exploring a monthly training via their social media platforms for **new believers to help them in their new walk with Christ.**

Godfrey said that we may not be able to feed the masses food, but we have been called to **proclaim the Word of God which is food to the soul.** Amen!

"...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

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests with this in mind; be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
Ephesians 6:18

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

"The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" **Luke 10:27 NLT**

We will **PRAY**
 We will **HUMBLE OURSELVES**
 We will **ACT JUSTLY**
 We will **SEEK HIM**
 We will **LOVE GOD**
 We will **LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR**
 We will **LISTEN**
 We will **ACT**
 We will **SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE**
 We will **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY**
 We **WILL ...**
Amen and Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

The reason we share...

“Uganda is at a critical stage as they continue to battle desert locusts, COVID-19 and floods, which have posed an unprecedented threat to food security and livelihood across the country.” (New Vision - June)

Update:

1. **FLOODING** - The water has come down a bit in certain areas. Other parts of the country the water levels are still high. Lake Albert continues to be flooded.
2. **LOCUSTS** - The army has reported that they have done a massive spraying in Northern Uganda. Godfrey said they have not been updated as to where the locusts are. We are praying the spraying was effective.
3. **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.
4. **RADIO MINISTRY** - With the increase of phone calls to Godfrey’s personal cell phone, we would like to install 2-3 landlines to receive phone calls from those who want prayer, 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.
5. **CLOTHING** - At Christmas we requested help with last year’s gift of clothing for all the family. We only had a few donations and were not able to buy enough. We have purchased necessary items like undergarments but are in need of buying clothing for both boys and girls.
6. **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.

PRAISE REPORT

We are thankful for your continuous prayers for Uganda and Raining Hope. Thank you to everyone who has **given sacrificially in the midst of the pandemic** to make sure our Raining Hope family is taken care of especially with food and healthcare. Due to generous donations, we have been able to send the full budget needed at the beginning of each month. This has helped Godfrey tremendously. He is humbled and thankful to God for the provision of our daily bread.

Our budget has increased over the last five 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. **Thank you all for caring for the family at such a time as this. It has made a huge difference.**

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.raininghope.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. Thank you to all who helped with this. The mail sent to our office is harder to retrieve when the front office is not occupied. It is completely safe to send it to Carol John’s address. She takes care of all our banking issues.

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You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.