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

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CALL TO PRAYER

We have so much to be thankful for! We have watched God do what only He can do!

The students at Raining Hope have been rescued from a life without hope, without love and without guidance. They have been given an opportunity to become well-loved, well-trained and well-educated servants of God. **Because of your prayers, support and trust, the students of Raining Hope are grateful, joy-filled followers of Christ who are being used by God to impact the world around them.** You are a huge part of their HOPE!

A song that means so much to us is “Believe For It” by CeCe Winans
<https://youtu.be/fd24fpsF1Qw?si=K7umQwl5LDzszEa9>

“They say this mountain can’t be moved - They say these chains will never break
But they don't know You like we do - **There is power in Your name.**
We’ve heard that there is no way through - We’ve heard the tide will never change
They haven't seen what You can do - **There is power in Your name**
So much power in Your name

Move the immovable, break the unbreakable - God, we believe, God, we believe for it. From the impossible, we’ll see a miracle - God, we believe, God, we believe for it

You are the way when there seems to be no way. We trust in You, God, You have the final say”.

Please join us in prayer for the following needs as we stand on His Word.

We believe that it can be done. From the impossible, we’ll see a miracle.

- 1. Joanne’s third term fees are due for her to start and complete her third term - \$1,020 (page 3)**
2. Computer need for the three university students (page 3)
3. Upcoming second term fees for the additional students
4. **Hospital project** - second visit for April 18th - **RESCHEDULED**. The hospital has a wave of flu cases and said they didn’t want to expose us to it. . Godfrey will check back with them next Tuesday to reschedule.
5. More prayer requests on page 4

ANNOUNCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE RAINING HOPE FAMILY ...



It's
a
Boy



Hilary & Florence had their second **baby born on March 24, 2026** at 6:30 pm. He was 7 pounds 11 ounces. Because she had a difficult time delivering their first son, David, they had to deliver again by cesarean section. Mom and baby are doing well. Hilary had to go back to work the day after the baby was born. So currently, Florence is temporarily staying with her mom to help as she recovers from the c-section.

Hilary and Florence honored me again by asking if I would be the one to **name their baby**. Naming a baby is very important because it actually **defines the purpose and the mission of the child in the family**. Things have changed over the years as to the traditions behind the naming of a child. As Christians, **the name is to honor God and speak of what He has done in our lives**.

When Hilary & Florence told me it would be a boy, I began praying. When we named their first son, David, I thought a lot about how Hilary is "a man after God's heart". God called David, **"a man after my own heart"** (Acts 13:22 NIV). I believed that the name **DAVID** was given to their first child because he will lead the way as we enter into this new phase of our family.

When they told me Florence was pregnant a second time, they were still navigating caring for a toddler. The news did come as a surprise to them. But we talked about how this child is a gift. The Bible teaches that every child is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-16) and a heritage from the Lord. Focus on this new life as a blessing, not a burden, and remember that God loves this baby.

I believe since the baby was conceived, he has been given the name

NATHAN!

As I was praying on the name for their son, I heard a message for St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church for the church's anniversary celebration. Clifford Higgins preached a message "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet". One of the Scriptures used was 2 Samuel 7:16, "Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever." This is the first time in 2 Samuel 7 that Nathan is first mentioned.

When he said the following words, I stopped and truly felt God was revealing the name we had been praying for. Rev. Higgins said, **"Nathan means God's gift"**. He continued by saying, **"Nathan's name means God has given"**. Nathan was a gift from God to David. If you have a Nathan in your life, praise God. He was a trusted advisor. He was one always to tell the truth even when it hurts. We all need someone like this in our lives. Nathan was that type of person to David".

Nathan was specifically chosen for this family. Nathan is a gift from our loving Father.

Reverend Clifford also said, God has a plan. God has a purpose. God delivers on His promise.

So we present our **BELOVED, OUR NATHAN** the newest member of our **RAINING HOPE GENEALOGY!**

THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING FOR JOANNE

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Joanne	Victoria University Kampala Bachelor of Agriculture	
	School Fees	\$. 435
	Requirements (Transport, Meals, Materials, Hostel Fees, Field Work)	\$ 585
TOTAL DUE FOR THIRD TERM:		\$1,020

Additional Budget for Laptops

Joanne completed her second trimester at the University. She will return for her third trimester on **April 14, 2026.** This will **complete her first year of study.** She performed really well. We thank the Lord and trust that she continues to well in this line of study.

The education system has changed so much since COVID 19. It introduced online lectures and meetings. Before COVID most students of information technology and other computer related courses were required to have a laptop by now. Almost every course requires a student to have a laptop. **Tamarah, Zuluta and Joanne** have been struggling when it comes to their online lectures and course work that require typing and other needs. They have been **borrowing from friends** which is risky in case of damage . At times they have **used their phones** which has storage challenges.

Godfrey said they have needed a laptop since their first term. **But Godfrey asked them to endure and wait as we have been tight with finances and school fees have increased.** Godfrey just presented me with the cost of the computers this week to begin praying for this need.

For **Joanne, most of her lectures are online** and so much work is done on a computer. So many times she is staying in class after everyone is gone to **access school computers.** That keeps her there until late at night until they need to close the school computer lab. Even though all three need computers, Joanne’s is the most urgent.

Godfrey has researched the cost of computers. Brand new computers are too expensive (as high as \$1900). . Godfrey said the challenge is **most computers are reconditioned.** There is the possibility of more repairs needed, but this is the best option for us. In order to begin the process of purchasing the needed computers, Godfrey has discovered our three best options:

1. Cost for refurbished computer - \$725 each
2. Cost for refurbished computer with less storage - \$580 each
3. Cost for refurbished computer that is the minimum of what they need - \$435 each

We will begin a “computer” fund to purchase the needed computers . As funds come in, Godfrey will begin to try to find the best deals and prioritize the ones who need them first.

Please pray for Joanne’s third trimester school fee needs. We need to **send a deposit this week in order for her to start classes.** If we are not able to cover the third term she will loose all her course work and have to repeat this year. The first computer we raise money for will be for Joanne.



Zuluta



Joanne



Joanne & Tamarah



1. **SCHOOL FEES** - We completed the first term school fees! Thank you to everyone who gave **above and beyond the monthly sponsorship giving** to help our students in the **first term of their school year**. THANK YOU for caring about their educational needs! **Pray for Joanne and her school fees for her third term that are currently due**. Pray as well for the **needed computers** for Joanne as well as Tamarah & Zuluta.
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**. This month, our budget was higher than normal due to medical and dental needs. This month the budget was \$2,776. We were able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month because of the generosity of donors who gave at the end of the year. **Our biggest need right now is to continue to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs**. We appreciate your prayers for these provisions.
3. **COMPLIANCE RENEWAL** - Because we completed the first phase of our **Community Support Hospital Project** we were able to **officially complete the registration!** Now we wait on the inspection and official permit renewal!
4. **TIRES**: When Godfrey was pulled over because of his expired registration, we were able to renew the registration. But they also warned him the **tires are starting to wear out and need replacing**. **If we don't replace the tires soon they can impound the car until we purchase new tires**. **Cost will be \$638**.
5. **PLUMBING**: We recently had plumbing issues that needed repair. **Cost will be \$104**

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 **computer, school fees etc.** you would mark your check **"COMPUTERS" or "SCHOOL FEES"**. 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.

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

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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

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

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