

RAINING HOPE

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

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ANNOUNCING the name of our newest member of the Raining Hope Family! Introducing : *Trust Hannah Nakato*

Godfrey & Irene are proud parents of a baby girl born on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Godfrey told me that they believe their daughter is to be a missionary doctor. He was leaning towards the name Anna from Luke 2:36-38. "Anna not only prayed and praised, but went out to proclaim the

glad tidings to those who had shared her hope and faith." (Life Application Study Bible)

But Godfrey requested I also pray knowing God may speak to me with a specific name. They had given me the high honor of naming baby Hope. As I read Scripture, the words, Hope & Trust or Hope & Faith kept popping up in everything I read. I shared all the Scriptures and my thoughts & prayers with Godfrey but wasn't sure why "Trust" was in the forefront. I mentioned "Faith" is also a good name. But Godfrey became so excited about the name, "Trust." Culturally, names that we would not think to use, for a child in Uganda it has much more to do about their identity and purpose in the world. He talked to Irene and they all became convinced her name should be Trust.

The confirmation came when one day she was crying and fussing. Nothing was calming her down. Godfrey then called her name, "Trust!" She immediately stopped crying. It was the only name she responded to!

In Uganda, Hannah is the same as Anna and spelling it is preferable to use Hannah. Nakato is her nickname as it was one of the names of Godfrey's biological mum who was a twin. Giving her the name Nakato was in memory of her. The surname is being researched as it has to do with family clans.

We had a precious time of Dedicating Trust to the Lord and are proud to announce her name to our Raining Hope Family!





Raining Hope 40 Days of Prayer

January 10, 2018 - February 18, 2018

Eydie's trip to Uganda for the New Year was AMAZING!!! Here are the answers to your prayers:

1. Pray for all the **preparations** that are taking place in Uganda. (EVERY preparation led to the amazing moving of the Holy Spirit. All services and celebrations went better than expected!)
2. Pray for the **people to turn up that night**. Traditionally, church members attend overnight services on New Year's Eve. We pray that those who turn up will enter the New Year in the presence of our God. **Our theme for 2018 is "Rebuilding the Broken Walls."** As people enter a new year, they should consider rebuilding their relationship with God especially in areas where the enemy has struck the hardest. (We had approximately 213 people at the overnight services! Two people gave their lives to Christ and many other came forward to rededicate their lives to Jesus!)
3. **Pray for God to use Godfrey and Mama Eydie who will be the main speakers that night.** Pray for the **Raining Hope Praise Team** as they prepare to lead us in worship as we enter into the year 2018.. (God moved in our midst as we ended 2017 and began 2018 proclaiming and standing on the Word of God. The praise & worship was inspiring! It was a night to remember!)
4. Pray for the **financial needs for the trip (airfare, in-country transport, hotel)**. Pray as well for the budget for the New Year's Eve service which includes security, refreshments, publicity & decorations. (God met all our financial needs for the trip and the celebrations!)

Eydie's schedule was extremely FULL on this trip. They did a speed course through the 40 Days of Prayer DVD walking through one week per day. She did not have time to write full updates while there. Updates will be coming in the next week that give more details as to all that God did!

We have started another cycle of our 40 Days of Prayer. It is using the same calendar from our original posts October 9-November 18, 2017. There will be **updates and current pictures** from this last trip included in the posts on Facebook. I will send a separate email with the new calendar.

Thank You for the Christmas Meal Blessing



This year Raining Hope was able to **bleed 40 families with a Christmas meal of rice, beef, sugar and soap due to the generous gift provided by Ed & Gloria Sotelo. It was a gesture of love from the Raining Hope family to point to the true Giver of the greatest gift of all - JESUS.** As the community continues to see the children of Raining Hope as a Beacon of Light, this gift of food brought the **GIFT OF HOPE** to the families of our children. Raining Hope was also able to bless those who attended on Christmas Eve with a special lunch!



"I saw what a significant act of love can do to rejuvenate a downcast soul. There is a family that we gave food to and the woman told us that her children were asking to go to their aunt so they can celebrate Christmas instead of being home with no food. She told the children the Lord will provide. When we took them food she said it was an answer to prayer and the children put their hope in God by trusting Him more. Their faith grew because of how they saw God answered the prayers of the mum. All the families were happy and told me to thank you so much for having such love. There is one family we

handed food to and they said we came like angels because they even had no food to feast on for Christmas." Shalom, Godfrey - Raining Hope Ministries Uganda

Thank you for the Christmas Gift for our Children



Doreen

We want to thank those sponsors and supporters who **gave above and beyond** to provide a Christmas gift to the children this year. Because of your **special donations**, we were able to buy the much needed furniture for the home! When I saw the old furniture, I was surprised to see just how spoiled they had become. We definitely got every bit of use out of them over the last 11 years!

The furniture was to have arrived before I left. We had them custom made and ordered them before my arrival. But due to circumstances beyond our control, they were not quite ready. They had a few more complications but thankfully are now completed. The furniture was delivered today (January 17). I was able to be on the phone with them after the delivery. We praised God together for the wonderful Christmas gift! **They are SO HAPPY!**

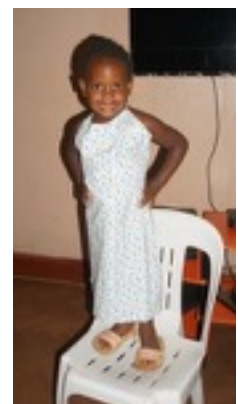


Frank

We were also able to buy **one outfit per student** in the house with the Christmas money provided! They are always so overjoyed and proud of their new clothes! We also had a **TWO HUGE CELEBRATIONS** with a bountiful meal at both! The first was on

New Year's Day with the Raining Hope family. The second was the celebration for Joan's graduation and the December birthdays of Godfrey, Annet and mine as well.

Thanks to those individuals who made all of this possible with your generous giving this Christmas! We love & appreciate you! Happy New Year - Mum Kisakye!



Hope

First Term School Fees & Supplies 2018

Pray for our students of Raining Hope as they begin their **2018 school year**. The fees below are for the first term. We have three terms for the year. For Primary & Secondary school, the first term is always highest (new uniforms, new year supplies). There is a drop in fees the second and third terms. We had two promote to Secondary School and Two promote to Post-Secondary Education.

Secondary School

Esther	Senior 6
Henry	Senior 6
Florence	Senior 5
Joel	Senior 5
Doreen	Senior 5
Ronald	Senior 3
Sharon	Senior 3
Zuluta	Senior 2
Maria	Senior 2
Sophia	Senior 2
Difasi	Senior 2
Joanne	Senior 1
Tamarah	Senior 1

Dreams and Goals

Doctor
Engineer
Lawyer
Musician
Midwife
Lawyer
Singer
Accountant
Accountant
Fashion & Design
Soldier
Nurse
Accountant



Joan - our most recent graduate!

Total School fees and supplies for 13 students : \$1856
 (Average first term **\$143 per student** or **\$48 a month**)

Primary School

Waiswa	Primary 5
Dan	Primary 5
Jemimah	Primary 6
Jael	Primary 3
Jireh	Primary 1

Dreams and goals

Soccer Player
Doctor
Fashion Designer
Doctor
Engineer

Total School fees & supplies for Primary Students : \$528
 (Average first term **\$106 per student** or **\$35 a month**)

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Jessica	Nursing	Nurse	\$558 + \$33 Misc. supplies
Jonathan	Nursing	Doctor	\$558 + \$33 Misc. supplies
Sylvia	Radio & TV Production	Journalist	\$353
Frank	Computer	Politician	\$111
Vivian	Computer	Accountant or Lawyer	\$111
Hillary	Uganda Baptist Seminary	Pastoral Ministry	\$250

GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL 24 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES: \$4391

(Other children in the house not yet in school - Hope and Trust

Joan graduated from Cosmetology School. Will be taking courses in Social Work to continue serving at Raining Hope)

The Tamale Fundraiser raised close to \$2,000! **The balance of \$2391 is due now in order for the children to start classes on time.**



40 Days of Prayer

Each evening we watched one of the sessions from Saddleback's 40 Days of Prayer. We didn't have the books to do the daily work, but the video sessions were priceless. The feedback each evening from what they learned was inspiring.

"I was so much encouraged by the lessons in different sessions. I got the chance to learn the purpose of prayer, pattern for prayer and how to pray in a crisis. These sessions were a blessing and a breakthrough in my life." *Sylvia.*

"I have learned to pray with confidence. I know my God is a caring & consistent Father. I don't have to worry about tomorrow but be thankful and appreciate God's mercies in my life. This all entered so deeply in my life and heart."

Florence

We will continue to study this throughout 2018 and I hope to bring the workbooks to them on my next trip.

Our children are growing deeper in their walk with Christ as we continue to focus on discipleship!

Pray for continued financial needs



As we look back on 2017 we are so thankful for everything that the Lord has done. He has provided for all of our needs. **We are thankful to each one of you who have prayed and supported our Raining Hope family.** Each donation has been received with thanksgiving knowing how much you love our children.

We continue to pray specifically for our financial needs.

Our monthly budget in Uganda is approximately \$1700.

This is separate from school fees. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **Our goal is to be able to send this budget money at the beginning of the month** instead of in two wires throughout the month.

Renovation needs are still needed.

1. New Roof - \$4974
2. Electrical repairs \$366
3. Plumbing - \$1318
4. Rain Water Harvest Tank - \$1,068
5. Painting Boy's Quarters - \$1,026
6. Painting Main House - Need estimate

SCHOLARSHIPS

It is exciting to see on **Page 4** the list of students who have moved onto post-secondary education! You will also see the difference in the school fees from primary to specialized education per student.

If you are interested in providing scholarships for those entering into specialized fields, or in helping with the first term school fees, please contact Mama Kisakye or Carol John directly.