

# RAINING HOPE

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

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**“I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness.” John 10:10 (GNT)**



## A Word from Godfrey



### TO ALL OUR DEAR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

I greet you all in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for your continued support to Raining Hope even at such a time when the world is going through turmoil. As a country, we are on lock down to prevent further spread of COVID-19. This has affected many millions of people in our country here in Uganda, Africa because most live from hand to mouth. I know the same thing happens to you as well and yet your love, care and continued support to us shows how selfless you've been over the past years to just bring smiles to many here in Uganda. We have been fully supplied through your support. Thank you so much for all your love and kindness. May God bless you and reward your selflessness. This is the same mind that was in the Lord Jesus, when he left the glories of heaven and identified with sinful man so that he can reconcile us to God. **This is what Easter is all about.**

I am so sorry for all that is happening around the world because of the effects of COVID-19. I know that we are all in our homes trying to prevent the spread of the virus. As we follow the health guidelines and continue to seek God, we shall together overcome. I would like to comfort those of you who have lost their loved ones in this struggle against COVID19. Our prayers are with those who have been infected by the virus. May you find hope in the merciful hand of God. I know we have some of you in the health sector helping out patients at such a time. We pray for God's protection and strength to save lives. Our Mum Kisakye Eydie has been updating me of the effects caused by the virus where many are losing their jobs or businesses and struggling financially. It is so sad and we will continue to go through it all together.

This month we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He suffered on our behalf so that He could purchase us for God. I am learning to endure all things for the sake of the cross. I pray that you endure all things even at such a time knowing well that he endured the pain of the cross so that we can have life. With all that is happening around the world and specifically in our houses, we have hope and our faith is in God who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Otherwise, I just want to encourage you to be strong at such a time and trust Jesus Christ who is the author and perfecter of our faith. We are always praying for you during our devotions every day in the evening from 8pm-9pm. Our God always rescues and always protects and always saves.

We love you all and praying for you. Happy Easter! God is on the throne.

Shalom  
Godfrey.

## A Huge Thank You!



Raining Hope would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have given above and beyond to help meet the needs of our Raining Hope family in this time of uncertainty in the world.

**Generous donations given the past couple of weeks have helped in miraculous ways.**

**We were able to get enough money to Godfrey to purchase the necessary food** for the month of March. He is paying off the debts from being behind in February. He has enough to **purchase part of the food for the April budget.** Food prices are increasing. Because of your generous donations our family will be taken care of during the lockdown.

Godfrey is also in process of getting the **van fixed** as well as getting the long overdue **new tires!** This will make a huge difference. He has been going without a van for a few months now. When public transportation shut down it became critical that the van be repaired. They are overjoyed to have this need met.

**Medical needs have to be paid in cash** due to the current crisis. Godfrey needs to have the cash on hand for medical emergencies. Please keep Maria, Sylvia & Vivian in your prayers. They recently have come down with malaria and typhoid. They are all under treatment and doing well. Trust has recovered from her recent illness.

Continue to pray for the remaining needs to be met. Everything is so unstable right now. We want to wire more funds soon so they will be able to purchase the rest of what is needed for April. The less that Godfrey has to go out of the compound the better. Food is the only thing they are still able to purchase.

I have spoken to Godfrey a lot this week. He is doing well. He said the children are at peace, not panicking. They are trusting in God and using much of their time with more Bible study and devotional times. They truly are an inspiration.

They are praying for all of you! Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement!

## Continued Prayer for Uganda

Godfrey reported in the recent Presidential Address in Uganda that there are as many as 10 million people in Uganda who live from hand to mouth. The longer the lockdown stays in place, there is a danger the **death toll from starvation will outnumber deaths due to COVID-19.** Right now the current number of positive cases is of COVID-19 are 49. Please be in prayer for the majority of Ugandans who are faced with the possibility of having no food for their families.

The most recent update is the government is going to supply food for 1,500,000 families. They are also trying to empower short term food crops and also supplying seeds.

### 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;

**Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions and recent "shelter in place" orders in California, we are requesting checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is hard to retrieve when the front office is not occupied. We may or may not have access to the office for the next few weeks. It is completely safe to send it to Carol John's address. She takes care of all our banking issues.**  
**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878**

## Meet Zuluta



Dear Sponsors:

My name is Zuluta from the Raining Hope family in Africa. I am 16 years old. I thank you all for supporting us from the USA. Thank you as well for supporting our Mum Kisakye and encouraging her. We are so happy to have her in our lives as the Raining Hope family.

Before I came to Raining Hope I didn't have hope to study or be anything in this world. I even used to think that I was born to suffer and not to be well in this world. The reasons why I used to think like that is because I saw my family struggling and I used to see my mum always crying out for support. But when I joined Raining Hope I saw my life beginning to change. I see myself getting there in my future. Raining Hope made me what I am today and is making me

what I will be in future days to come. Raining Hope is my everything in my life. But the most high thing that I want to thank Raining Hope for is making known the creator of the Universe to me - GOD! When I accepted Christ, I got to understand that he can change my name from a person who is hopeless and powerless to a person who has hope and power. I got to know that even if a situation is worse, God can change everything to become better. Raining Hope is my everything.

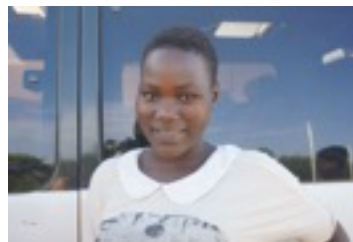
I have a dream of becoming an accountant. Through my Raining Hope family and studies I see myself achieving it. I know and I trust God who is loving and caring to make what I hope for become reality. Thank you all for loving and caring and supporting in the way you do.

I love you all!  
Happy 10th Anniversary  
Zuluta

Birthday: April 9, 2003  
Dream: To become an accountant

She loves volleyball. Her favorite subject in school is math.

Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction".



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Raining Hope would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Heather Elkins, our Raining Hope secretary at the recent loss of her grandmother, Helen Gayle Elkins, 83 of Oklahoma City. "She was welcomed into heaven on March 21, 2020, passing peacefully at INTEGRIS Hospice House of natural causes." Heather was able to arrive in Oklahoma in time to see her grandmother before she passed. Helen was the mother



of Heather's father, Ken. Our condolences and prayers are being extended tenderly to Karma & Ken Elkins (Heather's parents), Heather & her sister, Michelle, and all the extended family. You can find the full obituary honoring the life of Helen Elkins at <https://www.mercer-adams.com/obituary/helen-elkins>

## More Words of Encouragement from the Raining Hope Family

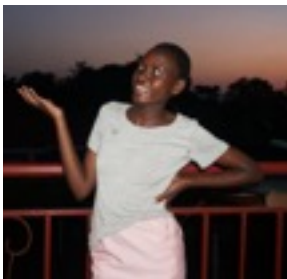


I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am happy to hear that you are doing well. I am doing well in Uganda. I want to thank you for your support, love and prayers towards the Raining Hope family.

I know there is the outbreak of COVID-19 in the whole world. But what I know is that God promised in His Word that he will protect us against every dangerous disease and situations like how we are locked inside now. He promised to be with us everyday. I just want to encourage you that God has not left us alone but He is there for us. He will not allow or cause any harm to those who believe in Him.

I love you all and I will keep praying for you.

Vivian



"I thank you all for loving and continuing to pray and stand with us in all that we are faced with. Thank you all and may the Almighty God see you through. I am always praying for you amidst all including this pandemic that is trending all over. But the Bible tells us not to loose heart but to always trust and love Him more than ever before. He is looking for those that seek Him in spirit and truth and this we should only love and worship Him always so that He can see us through this situation. We shouldn't forget to pray for others in this matter. I love you all and pray for your safety through many laws and strategies being put in place everyday like closure of schools, churches and other public places and stopping people from working. We believe it's for a while the Lord our God is in the know and sees. He is calling us back to Himself in His own right time as Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that he does all things perfect in their own time. So

I believe that God's perfect time is coming and people will be allowed to work again and we should get back to the normal ways. I also believer that we put our faith together and pray and all infected areas will be free from this pandemic. I love you so much and I thank you all for standing with me and Raining Hope Ministries. We are very proud of you and we as a family really appreciate your efforts. We pray God to see you through all this. The Bible says the righteous shall live by faith so we shall live because He is for us and with us always. I love you all and I appreciate you. Thank you for loving me and standing with me up to now. Thank you.

Love you all,  
Sophia