# RAININGHOPE

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

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# Happy Easter from our Raining Hope Family!





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



# Celebrating Easter at Raining Hope!

God is doing great things at Raining Hope! Godfrey reported that this past Sunday, April 7, 2019 they had over 210 people in worship service! The had standing room only to accommodate all those who came to worship!

Please pray with us as they prepare to minister to the community this Easter!

- 1. Friday, April 12, 2019 **Overnight Prayer -** 7:00 pm to 6:00 am Theme is "Pray Without Ceasing"
- 2. Friday, April 19, 2019 **Marriage Retreat** 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Theme is "Building Strong God-Fearing Families".
- 3. Friday, April 19, 2019 **GOOD FRIDAY Mini Overnight Prayer** 7:00 pm to midnight Theme: Reflecting on the Death of Jesus.
- 4. Sunday, April 21, 2019 **EASTER!** Services from 10:00 am 12 noon
  Theme: "Hope Beyond Death." The service will include a time of praying together as a
  family and sharing in communion. They will then share a simple meal together as a family
  after service.

Raining Hope Ministries is going to provide a small meal of rice, beef and soda after the morning service. The church members are raising money to provide that meal.

We would like for the Raining Hope family to enjoy a special Easter meal together that evening. If you would like to contribute towards that dinner, please contact Carol John to make a donation.

- 5. Sunday, April 27, 2019 **Singles/Young Adult Retreat** Theme: "Waiting on God as Singles".
- 6. Friday, May 3, 2019 **Urban Night Evangelism** 5:00 pm-10:00 pm Jinja Town Hall. Theme: We All Matter Jesus Paid the Price. Raining Hope will be reaching out to the workers and groups of people who can not come to services because of their jobs and their work schedule. Raining Hope is going to go to the people! The members of Raining Hope Ministries will be reaching the community by passing out invitations. The choir will be ministering during this evangelistic outreach. Godfrey said that as a mission, they believe that God is calling them to step into the fields because the harvest is plentiful. Pray for provisions for the task that is ahead of them.

Please keep the Raining Hope family in prayer at this important time of year as they reach out to the Ambercourt Community with the message of Hope and the Love of God this Easter!



# Celebrating Easter at Raining Hope!

# Message from Godfrey:

Greetings to all our Raining Hope supporters and friends. We are excited as we approach Easter. It is a special time of commemorating the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our prayer is

that God's love will be revealed to you, your families and friends in a special way this Easter. May God show His love and favor upon you. Our hope is beyond this life to eternity so we keep our focus on Him who rose from the dead.

Join us in prayer that we may continue to share this love to the communities around us. We have experienced the same love from our Mum Kisakye as she yields to the love of our God. Pray that as we reach out to the community, God will touch souls and bring them back to Himself.

We love you all and pray for you as well.

Happy Easter Sunday!

Blessings from Godfrey & the Raining Hope family in Uganda



# Update & message from Clair & Emma after the loss of their baby last month:

"We thank you for the love that you have showed towards our family.

We got your letter and we were very much encouraged that we belong somewhere. We are thankful there's someone who cares. It was a sorrowful moment yet all

the prayers and love have given us courage and strength to move on as a family.

Thanks very much to all at Raining Hope and God Bless!"

Clair is recovering well. She returned to the Children's Department this past Sunday, April 7, 2019. She is so thankful for the Raining Hope family during this time of crisis. I am thankful for the way our family in Uganda ministered to Clair and her family. Thank you for lifting them up in your prayers.

#### **APRIL 2019**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### RAINING HOPE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY RECENT STORMS



PRAISE THE LORD! One of our supporters donated the money so we can rebuild the much needed cow shelter! The cows were temporarily moved to the garage shelter. The Sunday School children will be extremely thankful to have their space back!

The recent storms did more damage to our compound. Some of the iron sheets on the kitchen area have also blown off. Godfrey just reported that one of the doors to the house on the kitchen side broke due to the battering rains and winds. They have tried to

do a temporary fix but the door keeps falling off. The cost of a new metallic door that will last longer will be approximately \$100.

#### **PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS**

**SCHOOL FEES: PRAISE THE LORD!** A generous donation was given by one of our supporters to complete the first term school fees! THANK YOU!!!!

Supporters have given above and beyond towards the Raining Hope's Roof & Renovation Campaign. Total received towards the Roof & Renovation Campaign is currently \$13,660. The balance needed is approximately \$1,340. The majority of the balance is for a much needed water harvest tank and gutters.

Our monthly budget in Uganda is approximately \$1700. This is separate from school fees and renovation needs. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. We are trying to raise \$2,000 so we can get ahead one month to send the full amount at the start of the month. We currently have to send the money for the budget two separate times in the month which makes it more challenging for daily operations. The additional \$300 would be for an emergency fund they can keep there on hand for unexpected expenses (like the storm damage that needed immediate attention).



If you are celebrating a **birthday, anniversary or any special occasion,** or if you want to honor and remember a friend or family member, you can make any size donation to Raining Hope. We will make special note of your celebration in our newsletter. You will also receive a letter from our Raining Hope family in Uganda! Contact Mama Kisakye or Carol John any time throughout the year if you would like to participate!