

# RAINING HOPE

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

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To our dear Sponsors and Partners.

With much love and gratitude, I would like to thank God for his grace and love through the years of standing together with us. It is a pleasure and great encouragement to have you in our lives as we see hopeful pages being written. Thank you so much for allowing God to **use you** in such a way to see that **many lives are transformed here in Uganda.**

As a people and world, this year we were faced with great challenges due to battling COVID-19. I know that whatever happens under the sun, God turns it for the good of those who love Him. I pray that God will comfort those who have lost their loved ones through this period. May God reach out to your hearts and encourage you. Our prayers are with those who may have contracted COVID-19 and other illnesses. Be assured as the Raining Hope family we stand in prayers with you.

In a special way, I would like to thank you all for always supporting us. Through you, we have seen God provide and continue to make dreams come true. In such a year where things have been difficult, your love and care have been experienced in many ways. As we come to this Christmas season, we remember **HOPE**. I have a daughter who by grace was named Hope by our Mum Kisakye. I was proud to have her give our daughter the name after she sought God's direction. When she called her Hope and explained the detailed meaning of the name, we knew Hope would be a reminder to us as a family to put our HOPE in God. I pray this Christmas brings HOPE to your hearts as we remember God's free gift into the world. The Birth of Christ was the birth of HOPE into our hearts. Amidst all we had to face this year and continue to face as we battle COVID-19, **our HOPE in God is sure.**

I wish you a blessed time as you go through this Christmas season. May God bring you to a New Year full of HOPE. I am praying for you always that the peace of God that passes all understanding may guard your hearts in Christ Jesus and the HOPE that is ours in Him may fill our hearts.

With Love  
Godfrey & the Raining Hope Family





### Third Term School Fees

These school fees are **unique to 2020**. The fees for the candidate students include the cost of **boarding them in hostels** in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

**UPDATE:**

**THANK YOU** for all of your prayers concerning the final term for 2020. We are so thankful for the outpouring of love and support for the educational needs of our Raining Hope family. You are making a difference. Thank you!

**GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL 17 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, BOARDING & PROJECTOR: \$4,336**

**Received \$3,914 - Total Balance Remaining : \$422**

**Second Installment for Boarding due before 12/18/20 - \$422**

### GOD’S PROTECTION SURROUNDING US



On December 1, 2020, Godfrey reported that one of the opposition leaders for their current Presidential campaign was moving through Jinja with a crowd. He was trying to go through our street but his car was fired at and he got a flat tire. It all happened right outside our gate.

The whole area was surrounded by security operatives. Many people began to gather right outside our compound. Tear gas and bullets were being used to disperse people. It was especially scary for our young ones.

Godfrey began interacting with the top officers who know him. He asked them to not fire bullets towards our home! Because of the relationship building Godfrey has had over the years with the local police, we were given such favor. He said we had maximum security not only from the police but also the army that surrounded our compound. Once the situation defused and things settled down, Godfrey’s response was “all is calm by God’s grace”.



**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](http://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 had requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit due to limited access to the building.

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

**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878**





## ANNUAL TAMALES FUNDRAISER

**Unfortunately,** this year we were **not able to host the Annual Tamale Fundraiser.** Our event normally includes a time of fellowship, worship and open house to pick up tamales and browse the Christmas craft boutique. Out of love and care for our neighbors and loved ones we made the decision to not host a gathering.

We are putting our creative hats on and praying about safe alternatives for virtual fundraisers as we begin 2021! The fundraiser normally raises funds for the first trimester of school fees.

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT

**For the past five years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family.** Our children live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. Giving one main gift has worked beautifully! **As a family, Godfrey said this year the gift that would mean the most would be a cupboard.** They struggle to keep their cups, plates, utensils, pans etc. in order. They all discussed what they would appreciate as a gift for the family. They said a cupboard would be an important Christmas gift.



**The cost would be approximately \$603 or \$25 per Raining Hope family member.**

## HELPING FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS



**RAINING HOPE would like to help 10 families in our community with food this Christmas.** We have been blessed to have all our food needs met during the pandemic. Yet, many others have continued to struggle. We would provide food baskets of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread and butter. We also want to help **10 families of our children in our home.** The total to help 20 families this Christmas will be **\$534 or \$27 per family.**

If you would like to sponsor a Christmas food basket, let us know and we will let the receiving family know of your gift.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Update:

1. **FOOD SUPPLY** - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget this year. For the last eight months we have been able to send Godfrey the **full budget at the beginning of each month** due to the generosity of all our supporters. Pray for the **budget needs** that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of the month.

Because of rising COVID cases and deaths they are facing a **possible lockdown in January**. Pray we will be prepared as this will affect the food supply.

2. **RADIO MINISTRY** - The radio ministry continues to have a **huge impact** on the local community and the nation. Through the gifts from three generous donors we have been able to cover the local radio program fees **through December 2020**. Continue to pray for the **monthly \$135 airtime fee for the local program**. **The National Radio program is at no charge**.
3. **SEWING PROJECT** - Now that we have the sewing machines, they have begun making some of their clothing. They are in need of **purchasing material** for their projects.
4. **COMPLIANCE** - COVID-19 also stopped the process of our coming under compliance to receive our official license. Please be in prayer for the needed funds to finish projects and pay fees.
5. **REMODEL OF KITCHEN** - To come under compliance one of the areas we are required to complete is the remodel of the kitchen. We have a balance of \$247 to complete this project.
6. **SCHOOL FEES** - Pray for the necessary final term school fee balance for boarding of \$422.



## HEALTH UPDATE

1. **HOPE** continues to heal well from her surgery!
2. **JOANNE** is on continued treatment for her bacterial infection & typhoid. She is improving.
3. **OLDER JOAN, ANNET & IRENE** all recently went through root canal surgery. They are all doing well.
4. **TAMARAH** recently was ill with malaria. She has been under treatment and recovering.

## MEDICAL NEEDS

**Almecca Hospital** is where we take our family for all our medical needs. One way we have been keeping our costs down is having a **dispensary at home** under the direction of the government compliance rules. We are able to **stock medicine** for common ailments like malaria, typhoid, ulcers, headaches and stomach aches. Having the drugs on hand helps us spend less than if taking them to the hospital. We also have a visiting doctor who comes to check on the family. When cases are more complicated or we don't have the medicine stocked at home they are referred to Almecca.

We are currently in need of **restocking the medicine** on hand in our dispensary to keep the hospital visits down.

**Restock Home Dispensary: \$110**

**Recent medical needs over our monthly budget: \$328.** (Joanne, Tamarah & 3 root canals)



We are extremely **GRATEFUL for our sponsors and supporters** who continue to pray & contribute monthly. We are so thankful to each one of you for your generosity and deep love for our family. God has used each one of you to make a continued difference in our lives. Our Raining Hope family is deeply honored by your support.