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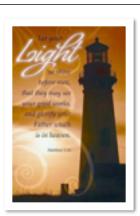




"AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE." ZECHARIAH 10:1



# New Beacon of Hope Sponsorship



In the August 2016 newsletter, we launched the new **Beacon of Hope Sponsorship Program!** 

This month, we are proud to unveil our **new Beacon of Hope logo!** For the past two years, Ricky MacDonald has contributed so much to our ministry with his beautiful graphic design work. He created the Raining Hope & Golf Tournament logos. I sent him a photo of my "Beacon of Hope" award I received from Past President Sid Scruggs with Lions Clubs International. Together with that example and the vision we were casting as being a "Beacon of Hope," our new logo for the sponsorship program was created! If you look carefully, Ricky used the Raining Hope logo where the light is emitted from the lighthouse! Brilliant! We are so thankful for Ricky and the love he has for our children.

I introduced a song called, "Rise" by Danny Gokey on my recent trip to Uganda. These words from the song became an anthem for our children: "So rise. Breaking the dark, piercing the night, you're made to shine. **An army of hope.** Bringing the world a radiant light. You're meant to shine."

Join us as Raining Hope marches forward as an army of hope bringing light to a little town called JInja, in a country called Uganda! They are rising up, shining bright!

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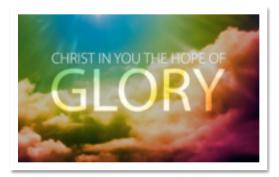
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## **Christ in You - The Hope of Glory Raining Hope Ministries - Uganda**

### Thank you for your prayers!

The crusade and conference were both a huge success! I am currently writing the updates in detail to what miraculous things God has done.

If for some reason you have not received the emails containing the updates, you can find all of them at <a href="https://www.raininghopeuganda.blogspot.com">www.raininghopeuganda.blogspot.com</a>. The most recent one is update #9 - Part 1 of the Crusade.

This is a very strategic time for evangelism & missions in Uganda. Uganda is at the heart of missions in Eastern & Central Africa. Godfrey put it well, "We are not only about fees and food, but we are reaching the community for the gospel."

I watched our children blossom right in front of my eyes. They are ministers of the gospel. They love the Lord with their whole hearts. They are focusing on serving our Lord with authenticity. They are maturing in the Lord. They serve with absolute joy. One of the visitors on Sunday claimed, "I am here because I want to hear the Word of God proclaimed!"

During the Open Air Evangelism Crusade and the conference we witnessed multiple decisions for Christ. Some trusted Jesus for their first time as Lord and Savior. Others who were already believers were challenged by the Word and encouraged as they began to understand who they truly are in Christ. Many prayed during the time of decision to rededicate themselves to Him.

One of the main things that happened was the introduction of Raining Hope to the community. They now are aware of Raining Hope Ministries Sunday Services. Some came to the conference and our Sunday services as a direct result of the crusade! Godfrey can say it best in this letter to all supporters:

#### To all supporters & friends of Raining Hope:

Special greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God for all you are doing for His kingdom purposes. Thank you for standing and supporting our Mum Kisakye and the Raining Hope Ministries as a whole. God has used you greatly to bless us and get us to where we are at this point. We have seen His blessings one after the other because of your unwavering love and support. Mum Eydie Kisakye has never stopped telling us of your great love towards us, and every time she comes, she carries that love from you to us. Thank you so much for loving us that much.

We were blessed to have a great crusade and conference which was a huge success as souls turned to the Lord. We were encouraged to see so many respond in prayer & for those who received Jesus as their Savior. God blessed us with the sound equipment we needed for the crusade! It was a great joy and blessing to be equipped with them for a great commission in our land. Thank you all for standing with us and loving us. We are now reaching the lost for Christ and encouraging the saints with His word. We are seeing God work in ways we never knew showing the world that He is God. We are thankful we have you all around us with prayer, love and support that we are experiencing His blessings. We have you in our hearts and love you all so much; we have not forgotten to pray for you and all the works of your hands.

May God richly bless you all with Long life and preserve you for eternal glory in Christ Jesus.

Blessings and peace In Christ Jesus, Godfrey



## Beacon of Hope Sponsorship Correspondences



I want to thank all of the sponsors for writing your notes of encouragement. Each Raining Hope student has written back a response to your letters. I am currently working on those letters and will be sending them out to you within the next couple of weeks.

The children love the new policy and I saw less conflict. There is a sweet spirit in the home and a unity of spirit like I have never seen before. As I reported in the August Newsletter regarding the new sponsorship program, the majority of the children all live in our home under one roof. One-to-one child sponsorship for the older children was causing more division than unity. We felt led to shift to highlighting a particular student each month. Beacon of Hope sponsorship means supporting Raining Hope as a unified family. Other faith based organizations are successfully following this model. The exciting thing for those in the sponsorship program is you will get to know all of our children rather than just one. The children are older now and they prefer this model.

Those who already sponsor a specific child will be able to continue with their individual sponsorship until further notice.

Each one of our children have powerful stories to tell. The first person we will highlight in the Beacon of Hope program is Peter, our first post secondary school graduate. I am waiting on information from him on his story since graduation from law school. He is currently in the Congo and will return to Rwanda in three weeks.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE SPONSOR?

You can go online to our website to our sponsorship information and give a monthly donation of \$30 per month or give it all at once as a yearly donation of



\$360 for one sponsorship. If you prefer, you may mail a check to us at: Raining Hope Inc. c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.



Special thanks to Aaron & Isaiah Kajumba who joined us for one day of the conference to help with photos and video. More to come soon!



### PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

PRAISE THE LORD! Due to a very generous donation, we were able to purchase a very large portion of the sound equipment needed for the crusade! We purchased the chairs, tent, amplifier, mixer, speakers, generator, wires, cords, drum set, and keyboard! It was more than enough for the crusade! All of the equipment was top quality and will be used well into the future!

Raining Hope is moving to the next level of not just taking care of physical needs like other We are also organizations. responding to the urgency of reaching out to as many as possible in our lost world with the gospel of Christ. We want to help meet their spiritual needs. thank God that over time, we have seen our children grow in their relationship with God and their testimonies are powerful. have become an effective worship & evangelical team, reaching out to the communities in Uganda. There are so many others out there that need to hear the gospel of Christ. He is using our children to further His Kingdom.

PRAISE! THANKS TO THE SPONSORS WE HAVE A NEW TV! We were able to replace the TV that was stolen a few months ago. For those that gave towards this need, a heartfelt thank you! The TV was presented on behalf of all the sponsors!

This is our current list of expenses in order of priority.

1. MONTHLY EXPENSES - Each month our budget is approximately \$1500. This covers food, health bills (medicines, hospital visits), utility (water, electricity), van (petro & maintenance), salaries, clothes, firewood to cook with,

toiletries, miscellaneous. Our goal is to be able to send this amount at the beginning of each month. Right now we send it in two wires throughout the month as donations come in. Godfrey will need to buy food the first week of October for the month.

- 2. SCHOOL FEES This is paid three times a year as they have three terms. The children have started the third and final term for 2016. The school fees are now due. Total due for school fees and supplies = \$2,235
- SHOES All the children are n need of new school shoes. The total cost for 23 pairs of shoes that need replacing = \$200
- 4. RENOVATIONS listed by priority
- A. Septic Tank -- \$2,135 Our neighbor informed Godfrey that they will be blocking the septic tank we are using now because it is in the land which they want to develop. They will be constructing their house in December which means closing the current septic tank down.
- B. Roofing the Main House \$4,974 (The roof has begun leaking more. We have had the roof inspected by a company sent over from the hotel. They can work in phases until enough funding comes in. We want to begin with the area that is most damaged.)
- C. Electric repairs in the main house - \$366 - To make the inside of the main house safe we need to fix loose wiring & exposed electrical switches.
- D. Plumbing for the main house & remaining in the boy's quarters \$1,318
- E. Rain water harvest to reduce on our water bill \$1,068
- F. Painting the boy's quarters \$1,026

G. Painting the Main House - (working on an estimate)

Total \$10,887 plus painting main house

- 5. Phase 2 of our Sound Equipment needs: I have been asked what other equipment we will need in the future. The tent is needed sooner because of Sunday services. Items B-F could be used as funds come in. The projector and additional speakers will be needed for future evangelistic crusades. This is the remainder of our equipment needs:
- A. Additional Tent: \$600 (We purchased one that was used at the crusade. We ended up having more people come than anticipated! We had to rent the secondary tent for 4 days)
- B. Base Guitar \$275
- C. Solo Guitar \$180
- **D.** Beam Lights \$145
- E. Snake Cable \$240
- F. Pulpit \$180
- G. Projector \$450
- H. There will be additional speaker needs and cables in the future.

Please contact Carol John if you would like to help! We thank you in advance for your support!

Our prayer is to raise the approximate \$11,000 plus needed for renovations so we can concentrate monthly on our regular budget expenses. Please join us in prayer. The numbers may fluctuate depending on the current exchange rate. It has dropped since I was in Uganda just a few weeks ago.

Donations can be made by sending a check to our stateside office. Address listed on front page.

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