# RAININGHOPE

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

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# TO ALL OUR DEAR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS.

I greet you all in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. I thank God who has crossed you to this new year and given us the opportunity to take on the year as well. I appreciate God who put you in our lives as a ministry and family at

such a time in history. Your love, care and support to us through Mum Eydie Kisakye does not go unnoticed. We appreciate your continued support in this new year. We are forever grateful for how the Lord is using you to care for us.

When this year began, God spoke to my heart through the gospel of John 15:1-8 that we should **remain in Him** so that our lives are productive here on earth. God challenged my heart that since the fall of man, many trials have come and problems will always surface. The Lord Jesus said that in this world we shall have trouble. As we begin a new year we should always **remain in Him**. We are the branches and therefore by **remaining in Him**, we are tapping from the very source of our livelihood. He is the author and perfecter of our faith. Our prayer to you our dear sponsors, friends and partners that with all we have to face this year, even as we still battle COVID-19, we will **remain** 

in the love of the Lord and keep in His Word.

As a family and ministry, we love you dearly and wish you a blessed year of **remaining in the Lord Jesus Christ**, our true source and sufficiency.

With much love from Raining Hope Ministries, Uganda Happy 2022 Pastor Godfrey





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## THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY

Dear Sponsors,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are really so excited to write to you in this New Year. For real, God has been gracious that He enabled us to go through the year 2021 and we are so thankful to Him. We thank Him for His protection towards your lives. It's our prayer that He continues to protect you and also provide more for your families. You our sponsors have made a great impact in our lives all through the last years. We want to thank you specifically for your giving towards our Christmas gifts, We liked them so much. We are praying that God will bless you so much. We are really so happy for this new year of 2022 that the Lord has given unto us. We just cannot wait to see what He is about to do in our lives as we also remain in Him. As the Raining Hope boys we want to wish you a blessed New Year and may His goodness follow you and your family. It's our prayer that as you remain in Him He may show you great and mighty things this year. We love you all and always praying for you.

Happy New Year our Dear Sponsors! The Raining Hope Boys



Difasi

Hillary

Dear Sponsors,

Praise God! We are glad to be writing to you again this year. Hope you are having a great New Year. We are having a great time here. God has protected us in the new year. We thank God for His faithfulness. We want to appreciate you our dear sponsors for the Christmas gifts that you gave us. We like our new attire so much. Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us. We also continue to thank you for your steady support to us and for your standing with Mama Kisakye. May the Lord reward you greatly! We understand that we are still facing the effects of the pandemic but our absolute hope is in Christ Jesus. We pray that you will find your encouragement in Him in every season. The New Year is here and as the girls of Raining Hope we want to wish you and your families a blessed and Happy New Year. We pray that it will be fruitful with great harvests.



Sharon

Happy New Year once more from the Raining Hope girls! We love you!



Sophia



Joanne



Zuluta



Tamarah



Sylvia



Jireh



Vivian



Sharon



## ANNUAL "TAMALE" FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

We thank everyone who donated during our a virtual fundraiser that ran through the month of December! The fundraiser helped to begin raising funds for the anticipated first term of school for 2022 as well as other needs. A special edition follows this newsletter regarding school fees for the first term.

## A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who gave towards the annual Christmas gift for the Raining Hope family! They were able to purchase clothing for each family member because of your **above and beyond gifts of love!** The photos included in this newsletter are some of the students with their new gifts! They are so grateful for the love you have shown them.

We also want to thank EVERYONE who gave funds towards the annual Christmas and New Year's meals for our family! They were able to have a TWO FEASTS to celebrate both holidays! THANK YOU for your sacrificial giving.

We were also able to **bless 12 families with food this Christmas.** These were the families of our children and a few in our community. Because COVID cases have begun to rise, this year they were not able to deliver the food directly to the families. They had to wire the money to each family to purchase rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread and butter. This carried these families through the New Year. With the recent surge in COVID cases, the provisions of food were a welcomed necessity for all families. We thank you for making this Christmas and New Year's a blessed celebration for so many who would have gone without.



## **HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE**

**CHECKS:** Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as COMPLIANCE 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.

**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

Mail can be sent directly to Carol John or to our Raining Hope offices in Ventura

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## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

## **Update:**

- 1. **FOOD SUPPLY** The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget.
- 2. **SECURITY CAMERAS** We were able to send the funds for the four additional cameras, equipment and labor! Praise the Lord!

#### 3. COMPLIANCE-

All faith-based and non-governmental organizations operating within the city of Jinja must re-register under the new compliance changes due to the city of Jinja incorporating. We anticipated this happening. But due to the current terror attacks, there is a need to scrutinize all organizations. The city security officers claimed that some organizations have been funding terrorists.

The registration budget is **due now** and is required in order for us to register and be considered for the re-registration. We are praying the City Council Authorities will officially approve us.

#### **Registration Budget:**

Auditing -	\$568
Filing Returns -	\$256
Inspection -	\$57
Licensing (if approved)	\$85
Amending the Constitution	\$142
Legal Fees & Stamping	\$284

#### TOTAL \$1,392

- **4. DENTAL ISSUES -** Recently we had dental issues with Annet and Jael that required root canals and crowns. There is an organization and dental hospital called "Hope Smile" which offers good dental services. They were concerned about the dental health of all our children. They offered to come and do a dental checkup for everyone at half the price. They will then have a recommendation and dental plan for each one. This is important to help with their current dental issues and cutting down future dental costs.
- **5. SCHOOL FEES -** The students have returned to school this month. A separate special edition newsletter is being sent to explain the needed school fees for term one which include boarding due to the increase in COVID cases.

## **HEALTH UPDATE & WORD FOR 2022**

The month of December was a challenging one in regards to the **health of the family.** 

We had **14** of our family members become very ill. They all had **COVID symptoms.** They were all on treatments that included medicine through IV's then they finished with tablets (pills). The cost for the treatments caused our monthly **medical budget** to skyrocket from \$300 the previous month to over \$1,000. They have all since recovered and are doing much better. Godfrey, Difasi and young Joanne were the only ones who did not get sick.

This affected our **ringing in the New Year together.** We made plans to be on FaceTime and I was going to share a New Year's message with them. But they were **either sick or in the recovery stage**. Godfrey and I decided to postpone our celebration until they were all feeling better. He said they did wake up to pray in the new year together, then went back to bed!

I was able to talk with Godfrey at their midnight and we encouraged one another, praising God for all the He did in 2021 and looking forward to all God has in store for us in 2022.

One thing we are both **eternally grateful for are all of you,** our sponsors and supporters. The year 2021 has been filled with blessings and challenges. God is using each one of you in unique ways to make a difference in the lives of our family. Your heartfelt prayers, sacrificial giving and words of encouragement mean more than we can adequately express.

Godfrey and I always have a word that becomes the theme for the new year for us. The day I asked him what word he had for this year he replied, "Remain in Me".

"Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me." John 15:4 HCSB

The same day I read from the devotional, "Word for Today" from Carol's church in Virginia. The verse that day was, "I chose you...that you might...bear fruit -fruit that will last." John 15:16. The devotion also included John 15:4 with the same message...**REMAIN IN ME.** This confirmed our prayer for 2022. We desire to draw closer to Jesus this year by **REMAINING IN HIM** to become even more fruitful which brings Him all the glory!

We are deeply honored by your continued partnership with us. Let us **REMAIN IN HIM together** and watch and see what He does in 2022! Amen and Amen! *Mama Eydie*