

# RAINING HOPE

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

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“Friday, June 25, 2021 has been declared a public holiday in Uganda and a 4th National Prayer Session for interdenominational prayers as the country battles a rise in Coronavirus infections.

President Yoweri Museveni has declared June 25th as a public holiday to enable the country to hold prayers to seek God’s intervention in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The prayers come amidst increasing infections with the country now recording 74,260 COVID-19 infections and 752 deaths since March last year. However, in the last month, the number of infections have increased 17-fold whereas the number of deaths have also more than doubled.

On Sunday, June 20, 2021, President Museveni imposed a **42-day total lockdown and announced a series of measures to control the spread of the virus.** (New Vision - June 24, 2021)

We ask you to **pray for Uganda and Raining Hope for the 42 day period (ending July 31, 2021).** More information is on the following pages of this newsletter.

## UGANDA NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN



While life in America is beginning to slowly open back up, **Uganda is severely shutting back down.** Godfrey said things began developing quickly. When you look at the numbers on page 1, they are lower compared to the millions of cases and thousands of deaths worldwide. But Uganda's healthcare system is overwhelmed. Hospitals can not keep up with the new cases. The New Vision local newspaper reported, "The rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths is due to the emergence of new virus variants from mainly the UK, South Africa, India, and Nigeria." As I was writing this, Godfrey sent me an update that they just lost a prominent pastor in Kampala to COVID. **Over the last two weeks they have lost over 30 pastors and many church leaders.**

### **Godfrey has sent the following information regarding the status of this current lockdown:**

Many people had abandoned following the standard operating procedures. Many infections were coming out of the capital of Kampala. They tried a partial lockdown within Kampala but transfer of infections continued to increase. President Museveni imposed a complete lockdown on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

### **Here are the key highlights from the presidential address on the 42 day lockdown:**

1. **All educational institutions, churches and religious gatherings are to close.**
2. Marriage ceremonies, parties, and burials will only be allowed 20 people with masks.
3. **Markets closed with limited access.** (More explanation on the food crisis on page 3).
4. Public and private vehicles and boda boda's suspended. They are only allowed to move and transport patients to hospitals or clinics with permission from the local governing council.
5. Boda bodas can be used to carry cargo.
6. Curfew back in place from 7:00 pm-5:30 am
7. International airport will remain open
8. Cargo vehicles allowed to move after being tested.
9. Business centers closed
10. Bars, discos and cinema halls closed
11. All sectors other than those mentioned to be suspended.
12. Staff in non-core ministries to be reduced to 10 percent
13. Factories to remain open. Workers should be housed at their places of work for 42 days where possible.
14. Sport events suspended.

The enforcement of this lockdown has not come without effect. People were still trying to recover from the first lockdown. This is devastating for so many who have nowhere to turn.

**We are asking you to join us in prayer throughout the duration of the 42 day lockdown.** Besides the needs listed throughout this newsletter, Godfrey asked specifically to pray for:  
Repentance.

Doctors & Nurses, the health care system and rising costs of medical care

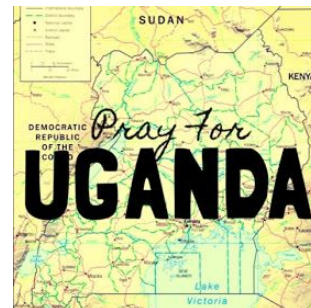
Wisdom for the government

Healing and cure for COVID-19.

Comfort for those who have lost their loved ones



## COVID-19 FOOD CRISIS



### Food Supply:

1. The lockdown took effect immediately after the Presidential address on Sunday, June 20th. Some people didn't have time to buy food in the markets before they shut down.
2. The situation is hard because people literally don't have the money to buy food which is causing hunger among the population.
3. Godfrey has received many calls from people in need of help to have a meal.
4. The **parents and relatives of our children** have been calling to check if there is any way we can help them with food. We currently only have enough for our family at the house.
5. Because of travel restrictions, it is difficult to transport food from fields to the market. This is causing **food to be sold at much higher prices**. In some cases **prices are doubling**. Those who can not buy food are going hungry.
6. The central market is open. However, the vendors are allowed to stay open only if they sleep there as well because of the travel restrictions. Many don't want to do this for 42 days so they remain closed. The immediate problem Ugandans are faced with is **less food availability and higher prices**.
7. This lockdown unlike the first one is more difficult because the government and other organizations will not be providing any food or funding to help individuals. This will cause an **increase in crime** as people get desperate. **Continue to pray for our safety** in our compound. They are suggesting people get security cameras for their homes because people are stealing license plates from cars then asking for ransom to get them back.
8. Most Ugandans live from hand to mouth and don't have any savings built up. They only eat when they have worked. That is why the lockdown has affected so many this time.

Godfrey kindly requests that we pray for the nation as many people are passing on even those they know. **It is not because of COVID-19 infection deaths, but pressure, depression and hunger.** He hears ambulances rushing people to the hospital every hour. They just had a man who wanted to throw himself off the bridge when he was not allowed to go to the market. He said he left his family hungry and didn't have the money for food. They rescued the man before he jumped.

**Our food budget will increase heavily** for the month of July while we are in the 42 day lockdown. **Pray for the excess that will be needed for food.** Our children are also concerned about their parents and guardians who already have no food. Godfrey said to **help all their immediate families** we would need **an additional \$600**. Our monthly budget will only cover food for our Raining Hope family.



Godfrey is continuing to keep our family safe at home. He has them involved with Bible studies and activities like sewing. Vivian is teaching others how to bake. He is helping the boys learn how to do poultry. They are trusting God that He will make a way. They know He will make all things beautiful in His time.

The situation in Uganda that has been given a nickname in Luganda - **“Buli Muntu Agumye Mune”**. Translation - **“Every person should encourage each other”**. This statement sums up the serious suffering that is happening in Uganda now. Pray for Raining Hope as we encourage our community and our nation with the HOPE of Christ.

*“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing,”*  
1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

**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;**  
Checks can be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John or  
To our offices in Ventura

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**1. FOOD SUPPLY - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget to an average of \$1,900 a month.** We continue to send 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 each month. **Due to the current lockdown we anticipate food prices will temporarily increase the budget substantially.** Last month it was over \$2,000.

**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. Continue to pray for the needed **monthly \$135** **airtime fee for the local program . The National Radio program is at no charge. Because churches are closed again to meeting in person, the radio ministry will be the main source of spreading the Gospel in a time that HOPE is critical.**  
**Pray for Godfrey as his focus with the radio ministry is to encourage the population as he preaches and prays with people.**

**3. RISING HEALTH CARE -** Medical care, medicine and treatments are skyrocketing. Godfrey’s words are it is “unpatriotic”. In some cases treatment is already **tripling in cost.**

**4. NEW PLATES & UTENSILS -** We are still in need of buying new plates, cups, utensils, pots, kitchen supplies, etc. It has been a couple of years since we were able to purchase these needed items. Godfrey said because plates etc. have broken they are not all eating at the same time in order to share plates. **Cost: \$521**

**5. JOAN -** Just before the lockdown, older Joan was given a place for her last internship in a district 30 minutes away. Her rent, food, supervision fees, transportation and upkeep was a total of **\$408 for 2 months.** All schools are currently closed down again. Joan had to be evacuated out of her internship. She still has one final semester at some point next term. Pray for her needed fees as she will return to her internship for social work once lockdown is lifted.



Thank you for your prayers, love and support. The Raining Hope family loves you and appreciates you for caring so deeply about all the needs of the family.