

RAINING HOPE

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

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Praise the Lord! Schools will re-open on October 15th for the **CANDIDATE** classes of Primary 7, Senior 4 and Senior 6, finalists in tertiary colleges and finalists in Universities. We have one student in Senior 6, five students in Senior 4, and one student in Primary 7.

The remaining students will complete their 2020 studies **from home**.

When we went into quarantine due to COVID-19, we were in the midst of the first term. The second term basically became **“homeschooling”** for the entire nation. They were given work to do at home to keep up with studies.

In order to **not lose the entire year of study**, the Ugandan government and education board have decided to allow the candidates for promotion to **attend classes in person** for the final few weeks of the third term to prepare for national exams.

The other students will complete the year by continuing with **“homeschooling”**. This will be done by having some of the **teaching by the government on TV and other tutors on DVD**. We will need to purchase a projector for the home in order for the home students to have **class projected on a larger screen**. This was less expensive than getting a larger screen TV.

The **national exams** have to be **administered in a school setting**. Because of COVID-19 restrictions that are still in place to avoid the spread of the virus, the decision was made just **this week** that all candidate students need to **live on campus in hostels**. Godfrey met with officials to explain we have seven students that would need to be boarded which was a considerable cost. They did lower our costs under special circumstances.

This year we **did not have to pay for the second term** which would have been over \$3,000. Page 2 has the information on the balance needed for the **third and final term of 2020**. Godfrey is getting permission to delay the first installment that is due 10/15/20 since they just informed us of the mandatory boarding of all students.

OCTOBER 2020

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. Godfrey tried to get permission to bring them to and from school each day but it was not approved. Any students who are not boarded for the duration of the term and final exams will not be allowed to finish this school year and will have to repeat their level in 2021.

Secondary School Candidates for promotion

Joel	Senior 6
Ronald	Senior 4
Maria	Senior 4
Sophia	Senior 4
Zuluta	Senior 4
Difasi	Senior 4

Dreams & Goals

Musician
Business Man
Chef
Fashion & Design
Accountant
Tour Guide



Primary School Candidate for promotion

Jemimah	Primary 7	Doctor
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Sub-total for School fees for All Candidates

\$1692

Total for Boarding for Secondary & Primary Candidates

\$ 847

The candidates will be in the hostel from October 14, 2020 - December 18, 2020

Post Secondary School/Trade School - Finalist

\$ 436

Vivian	Hotel & Tourism	Pastry Chef
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(This is Vivian's final term and will graduate next year!)

Homeschool Students for Third Term

\$1362

Sharon	Senior 5	Artist/Singer
Joanne	Senior 3	Surgeon
Tamarah	Senior 3	Accountant
Daniel	Senior 1	Businessman
Jael	Primary 4	Doctor
Jireh	Primary 2	Engineer
Hope	Kindergarten (Top Class)	Pilot
Joan	Post Secondary	Social Worker
Henry	Post Secondary	Procurement Officer (Business)

(The fees for homeschooling the students includes the necessary **projector at the cost of \$685**. Blackboards also have to be purchased and tutors assigned to our home).

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

Sent \$1,500 - Total Balance Remaining : \$2,836

School Fee balance of \$1,989 is due by November 22, 2020

First installment for Boarding due 10/15/20 - \$425

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

Update on Extended Raining Hope Family

Recently someone who has traveled to Uganda with one of our teams asked about our extended Raining Hope family. Those who have traveled with me over the years know many of **our friends from Jinja town**. After sharing the following stories, this person gave a "relief donation" to help some of our extended family. Godfrey contacted Irene and Rita and gave the following update:



Irene from Source Cafe:

The Source Cafe was closed for over three months. They recently opened but the sales are very low because there are no customers. She said things have not been easy as she has had challenges with feeding, paying medical bills and utility bills. She was going to try to sell some of her crafts at market, but she said due to the situation of COVID there have been no customers.

Due to the generosity of the donor who wanted to help our friends, Godfrey met Irene at the Source Cafe and surprised her a relief monetary gift. She sent me a message and said it came at a time when she was in great need and it helped her to buy food for the family. She was so thankful to the Lord for the needed help.

Irene also said that "due to the situation of COVID-19, Godfrey **preaching on the radio** is a good idea and his message reaches many souls and I believe that many people have **changed their lives** through his message that he preaches."

Rita - Shop Owner



Mama Eydie & Eydie!

Rita's shop is one that I take team members to in order to support her family. I have known Rita since my first trip. For those who know the story, they are the ones who named their daughter after me. We have been concerned for Rita and her family as they were struggling before COVID. Godfrey was able to track her down with the mobile number I had for her.

Rita and her family were not able to make it financially to stay in Jinja once COVID shut down all the shops. They had to move back to her village in Mbale (around 80 miles northeast of Jinja). They are struggling. Godfrey was able to take part of the relief money and wire it to her. She was overwhelmed with the gesture and so thankful we took the time to care for her and her family.



Rita, Mary & Mama Eydie

Hotel Paradise on the Nile

I have been in contact with various family members from Hotel Paradise. Even though they were not able to accommodate guests in the lockdown, the catering side of the hotel business helped them tremendously. Continue to pray for them as they trust God through the operations of their hotels.

We will continue to update you as we contact more of our extended Raining Hope Family.

More Sewing Projects!



Annet



Joan



Zuluta



Sophia made clothes for Godfrey's girls

Our students are continuing to improve their sewing skills! They are taking pride in their new wardrobe! Continue to pray for the necessary materials so they can continue to make more clothes!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Update:

- 1. FOOD SUPPLY** - This is still a huge issue. **The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget.** For the last seven months we have been able to send Godfrey the **full budget at the beginning of each month** due to the generosity of our supporters. Godfrey has said this has relieved so much pressure especially during the challenges of COVID. Pray for the **budget needs** that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of the month.
- 2. RADIO MINISTRY** - The radio ministry continues to have a huge impact on the local community and the nation. Through two generous donations we have been able to cover the local radio program fees **through October 2020. We just had another donation to cover us through November 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. SCHOOL FEES** - Pray for the necessary school fees for the final third term of 2020.

Website & Raining Hope Email

We recently had technical issues with our website that have been cleared up in case you tried to log on in the past couple of weeks. We also discovered a problem with our eydie@raininghope.org email in sending and receiving. If you have sent an email and do not get a response, please resend to signinghands49@yahoo.com. We are working on resolving that problem.

PRAISE REPORT

God provided for:

The **two landlines** to receive phone calls from people who want prayer. It has given us the ability to share testimonies and talk to people about Christ!

A replacement router as the original one was damaged in the last storm. It had affected the internet and communication. This has made a huge difference. This is critical for the new requirements to complete studies from home for the third term.

The funds to fix the **van's brakes**, steering pump and labor and installed a new battery!

Thank you all for caring for the family at such a time as this. We couldn't do it without you. You are making an eternal difference.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways
acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths"*
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

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.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 requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is harder to retrieve when the front office is not occupied.

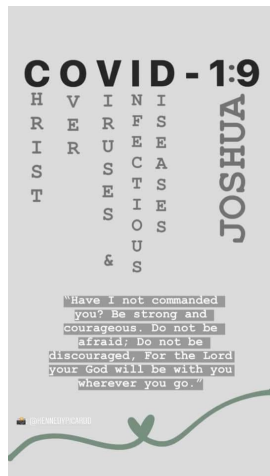
**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive
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You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.

COVID-19 PRAYER CONCERNS

UPDATE - SEPT 22, 2020

1. **In Uganda there are now 6478 confirmed cases, 2731 recoveries, 63 deaths.**
2. The **International Airport in Entebbe** and land borders will now be opened for tourists, provided they **test negative 72 hours before arrival** in Uganda AND provided the **tourists do not mix with Ugandans**. Returning Ugandans, who have negative COVID results will be allowed to go home. The Ministry of Health will get addresses to follow up. (The question remains, how can visitors go to Uganda and yet not mix with the local people?)
3. **Curfew** from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am will be maintained but boda boda movements must always end at 6:00 pm.
4. **Open Air Activities of sports** will re-open provided there are no spectators and players are tested for COVID-19, 72 hours before. The test will expire in 14 days. Hence, the players will have to repeat the test.
 - a. With tournaments, teams will be quarantined for the whole season of competition.
 - b. Indoor sports including gyms remain closed. Casinos, gaming centers and cinemas remain closed.
5. **Bars** shall remain closed.
6. **Hotels** will continue operating following the standard operating procedures agreed with the Ministry of Health.
7. **Restaurants** should continue to emphasize takeaways. Indoor dining services should be minimized and follow the standard operating procedures.
8. **Mass gatherings** are still prohibited.



GUIDELINES FOR OPENING OF PLACES OF WORSHIP

1. Individual prayers or confessions with priests or counseling need to follow standard operating procedures.
2. Prayers and fellowships **can not exceed 70 people** and have a detailed list of standard operating procedures which includes social distancing, masks, washing stations, sanitizers, and temperature checks.
3. Meeting for night prayers and overnight prayers are not allowed.

Many of the churches in our area have re-opened following strict guidelines. Raining Hope will re-open in the next few weeks once they can safely follow all of the standard operating procedures. .

They are raising the funds as a church for the required items.

Because of the limit of 70 people in one service, they will plan on having **three to four services on Sunday mornings**. The services will be limited in length.

Godfrey will continue with the radio ministry which is the hour before the services in person begin and an hour in the evening. Because of the strict restrictions, the **children's ministry will not yet be able to gather**. The **radio ministry will continue to be vital** to reach parents with children who won't be able to attend as well as the more vulnerable such as the elderly.

Raining Hope has been blessed to received **Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes from Samaritan's Purse**. The boxes came during the quarantine so they were not able to be distributed until now. Pray for Godfrey because there is a deadline as to when the boxes need to be given to the community. He has to get permission from our local authorities to have the children come on one specific day to receive their boxes. But he must also do it safely following the social distancing guidelines.

