

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:

We are thankful to God for his salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. At such a time, we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we think of 2020 where we think about the worldwide lockdown, we stop and know that for sure the Lord reigns above the heavens. Amidst the challenges we have experienced and continue to experience because of the effects of COVID-19, the resurrection of Jesus Christ reminds us that because He lives, we can face tomorrow. We face the hard times with the banner that says “Our Redeemer Lives”! As the Raining Hope family, we are strong and hopeful in the Lord amidst it all because we know that the Savior was raised.

Thank you for standing on that confession of faith in the Risen King. This has given you the strength to continue supporting us and supplying to our needs in every way because you know that your King is alive! Thank you for storing up your treasures in heaven as you stand alongside us.

I therefore, pray for you all that our good God may continue to keep you safe and strong through all you have to deal with. May this Easter holiday remind you of the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. May God comfort those who mourn and encourage those who are struggling with disease and pain. I pray that you will find hope and peace because our Redeemer lives! Have a Happy Easter holiday! You are highly loved and appreciated!



Godfrey and the Raining Hope Family

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SCHOOL FEES FOR 1ST TERM 2021

All four senior candidates finished their promotion exams. They are all so excited to finish this level for 2020. **They are extremely thankful for the provision of school fees to give them this opportunity for their future.** They are all so encouraged that they have no school fee debt.

The government is opening up schools soon for all students for the 2021 school year. We thank you for your understanding and support as we all continue to navigate a challenging situation. **We will not be given much advance notice as they will be returning to school in the next couple of weeks.** A special edition newsletter will be sent as soon we receive the amount of needed fees. You can make a donation towards school fees now by noting it on your check or contact Carol John if the donation is by credit card.



Sylvia had her official graduation ceremony on March 25, 2021! Sylvia completed her Broadcasting School courses as well as her internship. But due to the COVID-19 lockdown, she wasn't able to have the official ceremony until last month.

To Our Dear Sponsors and Partners,

With much pleasure, I thank God for His grace and mercy for having helped Sylvia to attain a Diploma in her dream course. Nothing is fulfilling like helping God's people realize their God given dreams. This is the very thing you are doing in so many lives here. Sylvia is a great testimony of God's mercy and love. Amidst all the circumstances in her family, God used you to help her get to her dreams. Sylvia has helped so much in our ministry as the choir leader and taking care of others. While at home, she helps me in handling many responsibilities. Her graduation brings much joy to us as a family and entire ministry.

Thank you to all our dear sponsors for helping this happen. We share such victory knowing well that God is using you so much in the lives of many here. I pray that her graduation comes as an Easter gift to you all knowing well that Our Lord Jesus as well gave himself for the world. We can give our lives for others because of the very things you continue to do.

May God be with you! Shalom!
Godfrey



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Hello Dear Sponsors,

How exciting it is to be writing to you this letter. Praise be to our God. Hope the Lord has been faithful to all of you because he's really been good to us this side as the Raining Hope family I am glad that our God surely made it happen through your great support, kindness, love and prayers. I remember the times I lost hope and never thought my dreams would come true because of the state of my family. Being a single mother with seven children, my mother could not afford for all of us to go to school. As



a young girl who had dreams to pursue, It broke me down. I used to watch my friends go to school while I stayed back. I saw myself as a failure because there was no hope left for me.

But thank God who came to my rescue through Raining Hope and Mama Kisakye. After years of struggling, God paved a way for me. I started having a clear way to my dreams. I was taken back to school, finished by secondary school level and continued with my dream course of Broadcasting. Uncle Godfrey helped to get me into the right school for Broadcasting, I was able to concentrate and make good grades.

During my internship or industrial training I encountered prominent people in my field. I broadcasted live on air, wrote news stories and engaged in doing advertisements for different companies. This helped me so much and gave me more experience and exposure to the field of journalism. I am thankful to Mum Kisakye and all the sponsors that have helped me to spread the Gospel and encourage people to never loose hope in the Lord. Pursuing journalism and developing communication skills obtained by training has helped guide me as I now lead small Christian groups! I can now gladly say THANK YOU for supporting and caring for me. Without your continued support I would have been lost and a failure. But through your love I can happily say that I am a graduate . Thank you for pushing me in my dreams. I know at times things are tough but you never gave up on me. Thank you so much! I love you all a lot. I am so excited to write this to you and I want to say, WE MADE IT TOGETHER. Thank you.

Love you all,
Sylvia



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. For the last eleven 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. This month was tight because of illness of various students and staff. Our medical budget was much higher and raised the budget needs to \$2055. We were able to send all but \$20. Pray for the budget needs that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of each month.
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 March 2020. Continue to pray for the monthly \$135 airtime fee for the local program . The National Radio program is at no charge. We are in need of covering April 2021. We are one month behind.

Radio Testimonies from Godfrey: "I received a phone call from a man who lives two hours away from Jinja. He asked how to give his life to Jesus. He follows our radio program even though he follows another faith. I prayed with him and he gave his life to Jesus Christ. This brought excitement and joy in my heart and I am excited to share the same joy with all of you."

"Another gentleman who lives in another area two hours away from Jinja asked us to pray for his wife whose pregnancy was due but nothing was happening. It was getting to 11 months and yet she was not giving birth. When we prayed, he said the following day the wife gave birth. We give God praise for such signs of his greatness."

3. **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.
4. **NEW PLATES & UTENSILS** - We are 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



With Heartfelt Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to our Godfrey at the loss of his stepmom, Ruth Ouma who passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021 from complications of HIV. They already had the burial the next day on April 12th. She was 59 years old. Please keep Godfrey and the family in your prayers at this time of loss.

ANSWERED PRAYER!

REMODEL OF KITCHEN - To come under compliance one of the areas we are required to complete is the remodel of the kitchen. A generous donation was made to cover the balance of \$247 to complete this project. Praise the Lord!

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.

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 our offices in Ventura

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