

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## Congratulations!

Our daughter, Kiana married her best friend, Taylor Bjur on Sunday, June 25, 2017 in Menifee, California! The BEAUTIFUL bride & HANDSOME groom had the perfect wedding of their dreams! They honeymooned in Windsor, California and last weekend moved into a new apartment in Riverside, California. God brought His very best together as husband and wife! If you go to YouTube and type in kelsiekianacreative, you will be taken to a link that has a short video of their love story. We love you Taylor & Kiana!

## RAINING HOPE MINISTRIES

**THANK YOU** for the personal privilege of allowing me to announce the wedding of our daughter, Kiana! Kiana and Taylor were engaged in front of the castle at Disneyland on December 18, 2016. The past six months have been so exciting! The planning and preparations have been extremely peaceful. I am so thankful for all our close friends and family members who made this the wedding to remember.

I apologize for delaying the July Newsletter. Not only did wedding activities keep me busy, but then I made back-to-back trips. First to Chicago to interpret for the 100 Year Anniversary of Lions Clubs International Convention (my 30th year) and then to Maryland!

**I am so thankful for Godfrey**, our manager at Raining Hope who continued to move forward and handle even more responsibility. After the wedding and in the midst of my travel, he sent me this update:

**"Raining Hope Ministries is doing extremely well** and we are experiencing people growing in their walk with God. We are receiving testimonies of those the Lord is helping and healing. People are finding hope in the Lord. Last week, one person came to Christ and we had two who recommitted their lives to the Lord. Our average attendance on Sundays has been 187 with us inclusive. We are hiring chairs from the other lady who helped us with buying the tent. We believe that as we continue to serve faithfully and reach out to the community our numbers will grow by the end of this year. We are having an outreach in August as a ministry. We shall have open air evangelism, go door-to-door, and visit hospitals to pray with the sick. We shall also identify the needy as we do door-to-door evangelism and reach to them with items like soap, salt, and posho. **We are thinking of serving ten needy families in our mission month in August.**

**We also opened another home prayer group** in Jinja near the primary school where our children go. One of the neighbors who attends this prayer meeting, visited church this Sunday. One of the families that come to church opened their house for this prayer altar. They are six that gather so far at the home prayer group."



Jael & Friend



Ronald & Hope



Godfrey at the Market

## Raining Hope Ministries (cont. from page 2)

“Our ministry to the community continues to grow! We have introduced a **singles fellowship** that meets Saturday evenings. On Friday nights, we started a “**refilling fellowship**” for those who minister in church. Whoever has a responsibility in serving the church remains behind for the refilling fellowship after the Friday in-depth Bible study. During this service, we go **deeper in prayer for the ministry**, Sunday service and for the whole Raining Hope family here and in the U.S.A. We are going through the book of Acts each day we meet. We also pray for various ministries in the church and our mission plans. This is an additional two hours AFTER Bible study and it is well attended.

I went to visit a family that prays with us. **One of the stories that is growing is how thankful people are that Raining Hope Ministries is changing the community.** The old man I visited was pleased with the news he hears concerning our ministry. He told me he was thankful for the way his children are being changed through this ministry and promised to visit. This encourages me and continues to show how much God is using us all. Another testimony is from a church member who was jobless for many years. **After praying with him, days later he was asked to go and work in five different places where he had applied.** He was overwhelmed with joy and thanked God for the day he stepped into Raining Hope.

**We draw our confidence from the Lord and all your prayers and support.** Thank you for allowing God to use all of you in this way. The love, obedience to the Lord and support continues to see this ministry impact this community. We believe to see great things that the Lord does among us as even we grow stronger in unity and love, as we join in prayer and faith. We are His witnesses! We love you all!”

*Godfrey, Manager Raining Hope Uganda*



Esther

Esther became ill last week and had to stay overnight in the hospital. She is recovering well. Recently, Maria & Joel had come down with malaria. They were treated at the house because of our new nursing station. **Continue to pray for good health for all our children.**

### **Pray for continued renovation needs**

1. New Roof - \$4974
2. Electrical repairs \$366
3. Plumbing - \$1318
4. Rain Water Harvest Tank - \$1,068
5. Painting Boy's Quarters - \$1,026
6. Painting Main House - Waiting on estimate
7. Guitars - \$535 (These are on loan from the crusade. The shop owner is allowing us to make payments on the guitars so we can keep using them. This needs to be paid off this month.)



## School F E E S

**We are thankful for the school fees for the 2nd term that have already been paid.** The total

needed for the 2nd term was approximately \$4,160. We only need \$1,144 more to complete this term. Please be in prayer as the schools have given us a grace period. We will need to pay this in full in the next couple of weeks.



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### **Important Farming Update:**

In the June newsletter we announced that complications arose that were out of our control that made it impossible to move ahead with plans to farm the land across Lake Victoria. We have begun moving in a new direction. We sold that piece of land and will seek other land that is closer to the house. This will help us to move ahead toward becoming self-sustaining.

Please keep praying as we are excited about all the new possibilities. We desire His wisdom and discernment in finding the perfect plot of land for Raining Hope.