

RAINING HOPE

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

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A Story of God's Grace

Godfrey informed me that a young man who claimed to be a muslim had been attending our ministry services and became a believer. He even attended our 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer. Godfrey had a check about him and was on guard. His suspicions turned out to be valid.

When Godfrey was not home, this young man was able to convince some of our students that Godfrey had asked him to pick up their bicycle to repair it. This man ended up stealing our bicycle and wheelbarrow that we use to transport hay for the cows.

The man was apprehended but had already sold our property for about \$17. The actual cost of the bicycle and wheelbarrow for us is closer to \$110. During the 48 hours he legally could be held, they tried to track down the stolen items. Due to their laws they had to release him on state bond requiring him to return in 3 days. Needless to say he has fled and is now wanted by the police.

The part of the story that amazed me was not about our loss of needed property. The local police station is meant to be a 48 hour holding place. They do not provide any food for those arrested. They contact family members to bring meals to their loved one. Apparently, no one would bring food to him. Because we have a great relationship with the local officials, they called Godfrey to ask if we would bring this man a meal.

What GRACE to provide meals to the man who stole from us. That is the GRACE of God, freely given, unearned and very undeserved. Pray for this young man that he would see that God's Grace is available to him just as we offered grace in the midst of being wronged.

Pray for Godfrey for wisdom and discernment as they try to determine next steps. Pray for the replacement of the bicycle and the wheelbarrow as it is essential to our work.



First Term School Fees & Supplies 2019

Pray for our students of Raining Hope as they began their **first term for the 2020 school year on January 27th**. The fees below are for the first term. We have three terms for the year. For Primary & Secondary school, the first term is always highest (new uniforms, new year supplies). There is a drop in fees the second and third terms.

Secondary School

Joel	Senior 6
Ronald	Senior 4
Sharon	Senior 5
Zuluta	Senior 4
Maria	Senior 4
Sophia	Senior 4
Difasi	Senior 4
Joanne	Senior 3
Tamarah	Senior 3
Daniel	Senior 1

Dreams and Goals

Musician
Business Man
Singer
Accountant
Accountant
Fashion & Design
Tour Guide
Nurse
Accountant
Doctor



Vivian, Dan, Henry

Total School fees and supplies for 10 students : \$1,845
 (Average second term **\$185 per student** or **\$61 a month**)

Primary School

Jemimah	Primary 7
Jael	Primary 4
Jireh	Primary 2
Hope	Kindergarten (Top Class)

Dreams and goals

Fashion Designer
Doctor
Engineer

Total School fees & supplies for Primary Students : \$702
 (Average first term **\$176 per student** or **\$59 a month**)

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Vivian	Hotel & Tourism	\$492
	Includes Internship & Supplies	
Hillary	Uganda Baptist Seminary - Pastoral Ministry	\$208
Joan	Social Worker Courses	\$527
	Includes internship	
Henry	Business School (Due in July)	\$743
	Registration (Due in February)	\$ 55

GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL 18 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES: \$4,572
 DUE IN JULY: \$743
 BALANCE OF \$3,829 DUE NOW

We were able to send \$1,500 so they could begin school on January 27th. Balance of \$2,329 is due now. Due is July is \$743

Trust is not yet old enough for school. Florence, Esther and Doreen are not included in this first term of fees as we are in discussion about their next steps for their education.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

You can make a donation by check, credit card or Text to Give. 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.

Update on Jesca!

Last month we announced that Jesca was able to get a part-time job at a clinic in Lugazi a town after the Mabira forest as you are heading to Kampala from Jinja. Praise the Lord! This is exciting for us to see her start a new job so soon after graduating from nursing school!

We were thrilled to share the equally exciting news that Jesca is getting married to a man named Matthew Muwanguzi, He is a born again Christian. Matthew and Jesca met in Wanyange which is the area we had our first home. Matthew prays with Divine Love Church. Godfrey's approval was important as he serves as a father figure to all our children. **Jesca will be introducing her fiancé officially April 18, 2020.** The Introduction Ceremony will be at the house. They will be going through marriage counseling sessions with Godfrey beginning this month.

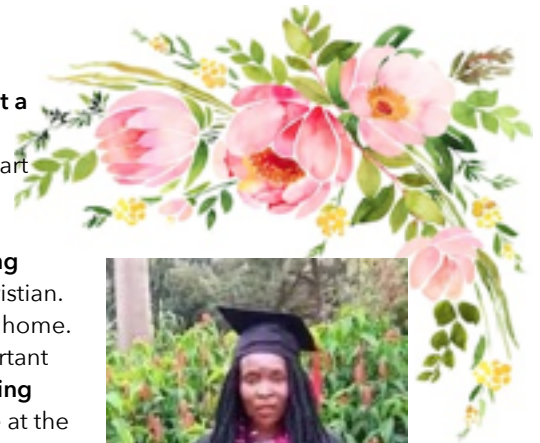
In Africa, the process is the man suggests the Introduction date to the woman's family. The woman's family accepts or gives alternate dates. **The Introduction and Wedding will be April 18-19, 2020. They are requesting my presence as Mum to be there which is important for Jesca.** Please pray for the dates and for the necessary funds for Eydie's travel. Because they have requested my presence, they will do the Introduction and the Wedding one day apart. They planned it this way to make sure I would be at both events, not just one.

"An Introduction Ceremony is a traditional pre-wedding ceremony where the bride-to-be introduces her future husband (and his family) to her parents and relatives. It usually takes place a couple of weeks before the formal wedding ceremony (a ceremony like we would have in the U.S.). Gifts are often presented from the groom's family members and friends to the bride and her family. Many traditional marriages in Uganda still implement the exchange of a dowry for the bride and this ceremony often formalizes this exchange." (Noble Research Institute article)

Jesca is the first of our weddings for our home! What a way to continue to celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary! Also **pray as we would like to purchase Eydie's plane ticket as early as possible in order to get the best deal.**

The groom's family is responsible for the wedding ceremony and costs. For extra support of our daughter we can take care of the cost for hair salon and wedding gown which is separate from the Introduction dress.

We continue to pray that the Lord will continue to work in them and bind their hearts together according to His perfect will. Praise the Lord!



Because we are considered Jesca's parents, we organize and host the cost for the introduction ceremony.

- Cultural dress for the bride: \$83
- Cultural Spokesman: \$83
- Food: \$415
- Drinks: \$110
- Cake: \$137
- Tents: \$83
- Decorations: \$165
- Total: \$1,076

10th Anniversary Thank You Luncheon/Fundraiser

One of our main fundraisers for the year is our **annual Tamale Fundraiser**. **The funds from this event are raised for the first term of school fees.** Last year we were not able to schedule the fundraiser for the first time in years due to the wedding in the family of our star tamale maker! I was also transitioning home the first week in December from living in the Bay Area for the past twenty-two months taking care of my family.

We may not have had tamales this year, but we are still in need of school fees. The first term is always the highest. Please be in prayer as we did send a portion of the school fees so they could begin. We are praying for the balance.

If you normally make donations at the annual Tamale Fundraiser and wondered if you missed it this year, you can still send your donation in and mark it "school fees".

We had an event in Maryland in December that was very successful! In celebration of our **10 Year Anniversary**, we had a gathering at the home of **Carol John & Diane Boragno**.

This is the testimony from Carol John regarding the event:

"We chose twelve of our close friends who had either prayed for or donated to Raining Hope over the years. I invited each person face to face. A couple of emails with date and details were sent as reminders to their calendars but I received RSVP's from each one in person.

Diane planned the delicious lunch menu and decorated the dining room beautifully. We set up a computer screen where Eydie was able to do a PowerPoint presentation of the Raining Hope home, students and staff. She emphasized the prayer needs for the ministry and gave each guest a special prayer box and guide as a thank you gift.

The event was designed to thank and update our supporters. We ended up raising \$950 and we received a new monthly sponsor as a result of the luncheon!

It was our honor to host this luncheon for Eydie as she shared an update about Raining Hope. Her passion for the students and staff is contagious. Her presentation of their story and their needs is always heart warming and honest. We've walked alongside Eydie and Raining Hope from the beginning, so our hearts are invested with hers in working towards the well-being of everyone in the home, physically and spiritually. We feel the entire event was beneficial for everyone who attended. Open eyes and open hearts are a joy to be with. Our friends knew our passion for Raining Hope and gladly joined us. We all have opportunities to give charitably within our local communities. But to also extend that love to others across the globe whom we have never met makes for a life well-lived."

We are so thankful and blessed to Carol & Diane for their willingness to host the First 10th Anniversary Thank You Luncheon/Fundraiser! It was an honor to have each one of the ladies attend. We are praying for other similar events to be scheduled this year in other areas. If you are interested in hosting an event in your area, please contact Eydie or Carol. Eydie would love to come to any event to share about what God is doing at Raining Hope!

