

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## CONGRATULATIONS !



**Congratulations to our dear Joan!** She formally graduated on May 4, 2023 from Kampala University main branch as a Social Worker. The ceremony had been postponed from last year. This graduation means so much to her and to us as a ministry. It marks her completion of her education at that level. Thanks to all our dear sponsors and supporters who have prayed and given towards her education.

On **July 29, 2023**, we are planning a formal **“Send Off Celebration”** for our five students who graduated and were resettled into their own places. We are required to have a formal ceremony as an organization. We joyfully will celebrate **Joan, Jesca, Hillary, Sylvia and Vivian!**

The day will include parents or relatives of each of our students. We invite local and city leaders to come grace the occasion. Raining Hope will provide a feast for all who attend. We will present each of the five with a graduation gift.

The program will include speeches from each student, two representatives from each family, two local leaders, and comments from Godfrey and Mama Eydie Kisakye . Godfrey will also have a time to preach a special message. Mama Eydie will give the official send-off word of encouragement.

**Please pray for the necessary funds for the event:** Food, Graduation Gifts, Transport for parents/guardians, Decorations, Local Photographer

We will have more details in the next newsletter. Yes, this does mean Mama Eydie Kisakye is planning to return to Uganda! Please pray for the funds needed for her travel and hotel. More exciting news is on page 2!



## A Wedding Announcement!

### Hillary & Florence are getting married!

Hillary is our student who graduated from Seminary during the COVID pandemic. He is one of our family members who we resettled last year into his own place. Florence is a previous student of ours who left us over two years ago. Hillary and Florence have reconnected and now are planning to become husband and wife! Godfrey has been involved with both families in the wedding process. There had to be formal agreement on both sides to move forward. He is also doing the pre-marital counseling for Hillary & Florence.

**The Wedding** is being planned for **August 12, 2023**.

**The Introduction Ceremony** will be the weekend before on **August 5, 2023**. Culturally, an Introduction Ceremony is essentially an engagement party where the two families meet and formally agree to the future marriage of the bride and groom. These two ceremonies can be months apart. In order for Mama Eydie to attend both they are making them one weekend apart. The **Introduction** is just as big and significant as the **Wedding**.

More information will follow concerning the budget needed for the Introduction and Wedding. As Hillary's family, we will be responsible for much of the wedding costs. We will also be collecting funds to present the couple with a wedding gift from the family.





## REPAIRING THE WALL

Uganda has been experiencing **“Torrential long rains”**. They have had **floods** as well as the **rare cyclones**. They have experienced deaths as well as **“monumental destruction to property”**. Cars were “struggling against gushing waters on the roads”. (Google).

Godfrey has informed me that **our property has suffered damage due to the extreme weather**. Part of our **back wall** of the complex is **crumbling** due to the heavy, pounding rains. Other properties have had their walls collapse, injuring people. We have to **repair the part of the wall** that is damaged before it completely caves in. Not only will it leave our compound vulnerable as an access to thieves, it could fall on individuals causing injury.

Continue to pray for the necessary funds to repair the wall which includes the materials (stones, iron bars, cement, sand etc.), transport and labor. **Currently the cost is \$1,681**. If we wait too long, more of the wall may be affected and the cost will increase.

**Please pray with us for safety as we wait on the necessary funds to come in.**

## MAMA EYDIE’S TRAVEL

Please be in prayer for the funds necessary for Mama Eydie to travel to Uganda for the Send Off Celebration, Introduction & Wedding for Hillary & Florence. Cost of airfare & hotel will be approximately \$2,300. The plan is for her to leave July 25, 2023 and return August 15, 2023.

## NEW TIRES

**Godfrey’s vehicle is in need of new tires.** In Uganda, they have “traffic police” who are stationed at certain areas, monitoring vehicles. We reported that Godfrey has already been stopped with a **warning that his tires are in need of replacement**. He said, “I know they do this for my own good”. They are trying to avoid tires blowing out on the road causing accidents. He tries to avoid their spots until we raise the money for the new tires.

**Unfortunately, last month he was stopped again and this time was given a ticket of \$55 with a warning that the tires need replacing.**

Please pray as the **cost of four tires will be \$680. The alignment is \$33.**

**Total cost needed is \$713.**

## BUDGET INCREASES

The extreme weather in Uganda is also the cause of a lot of health issues. Godfrey reported that **many people in the country are sick**. Their referral hospital in Jinja has been full. Things have been so critical **people are sharing hospital beds** according to reports.

Between medical, car repairs and the ticket Godfrey received for unsafe tires, **our budget increased approximately 30% from the month before**. Most of the increase was due to medical that went from an average of **\$425 to \$1017 last month**.

**For the first time** since the beginning of the pandemic, we were **not able to send the whole budget** because of the 30% increase.

We sent \$500 of the \$1017 amount due for medical/dental. **Pray for the additional amount of \$517 that is currently due** in order for us to have continued medical care.



"THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support for the Radio Ministry. Recently, a young adult named Nicholas gave his life to Christ. He came and attended church, but he did not identify himself until after two weeks. He requested to meet after church service and shared how he accepted Christ when I prayed over the radio. He said he used to listen to the messages and God used them to touch his heart. It is such an encouraging testimony. Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers and support for this important ministry". *Godfrey*



Our students have completed the first term of the 2023 school year. They will start the second term on May 21, 2023. Godfrey is working on the budget for second term school fees this week. I will send a separate update once I receive it. . Please be in prayer for the funds needed for their second term. Thank you for caring about their educational needs to give them hope for their futures.

## UPDATED WAYS TO MAKE A DONATION

**CHECKS:** Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as **WALL, TIRES, CELEBRATIONS, etc.** or **BUDGET.** If multiple donations come in for a designated need, excess funds will be placed in the budget to cover the overall needs. If there is no designation it will go into the budget to use at our discretion.

**Checks** can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

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If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - [carol@raininghope.org](mailto:carol@raininghope.org). All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

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