

RAINING HOPE

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

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Thank you to all our dear Sponsors and Partners!

Special greetings & Happy New Year to all our friends and partners. May God continue to use you in the year 2021 and His light shine upon your faces.

As we begin this year, we are so thankful for the gracious things God has done through you to us. Last year, amidst all the challenges, your love to us was more clearly seen through your kindness. We were amply supplied and provided for in many ways such as with enough food, medical needs, school fees, water, electricity and more. To God we give all the praise and glory!

We can't thank you enough for how God has used you in our lives and also trusting and supporting our beloved Mum Kisakye Eydie. The children at the home are growing in grace and continuing to trust God for what He can do. They were in awe of God's goodness when we survived last year and saw God's blessings more than ever. Thank you again for supporting lives here in every way.

My prayer for you is that God will continue to keep you safe in this year 2021. We pray your health and life will be strong because of the great work God is doing through you. We still are battling COVID-19. My prayer is that God will give us grace to follow protective measures as we battle this virus. We have more reasons to give God thanks amidst the challenges we face. As a family, our hearts are filled with God's goodness. I encourage you as well to find reasons to give God thanks for last year. By doing so we will have energy to embrace 2021 knowing well that our God is a good God! We will continue to look to God and trust what He has in store for us this new year. You are always close to us in our prayers. We love you and respect who you are to us.

May the good Lord satisfy you with good days and fill your cups with everlasting joy.

With Love
Godfrey & the Raining Hope Family





FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT

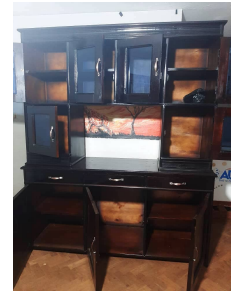
To our Dear Sponsors

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you all for the great things God has used you to accomplish in our lives. You are loved and appreciated in Jesus' Name.

We thank God for using you to provide us with a cupboard as a family of Raining Hope in Uganda. This gift that you gave was timely because of the need that was so pressing. We have been in need of a place to keep plates and cups and other utensils. Having this gift meets such a great need of which I really thank God. I pray that the Almighty God will meet you as well at the point of your need. We know as a world we are still battling a pandemic and yet your generosity speaks of your love for God and us which is amazing. When our Mum Kisakye broke the news that there was support for the cupboard, I was overjoyed and thankful to how God is using you all. Thank you for trusting the call on her life and the influence of our ministry to those in need around us. You remain closer to us in our prayer each day.

We love you and appreciate you all so much. THANK YOU!
Happy 2021!

Shalom
Godfrey & the Raining Hope Family



We are thankful for those who gave above and beyond your regular monthly sponsorship to make the Christmas cupboard possible for the Raining Hope family. Gifts are continuing to come in. We will be able to bless the family with funds for needed clothing and/or material to make more clothes. As a family they decided the cupboard was desperately needed. But now we will be able to also bless each individual student with much needed new clothes! Thank you for your extreme kindness.

How To Make A Donation to Raining Hope

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 had requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit due to limited access to the building.

You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.

Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878





TESTIMONIES FROM THE FAMILIES WE BLESSED AT CHRISTMAS



Due to the generosity of donors, RAINING HOPE was able to help 10 families in our community with food this Christmas and 10 families of our children. Many have continued to struggle. We provided food baskets of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread and butter. Godfrey said they saw what a difference a simple meal made and how the families praised God for the provision. Here are a few testimonies Godfrey sent from the thankful recipients.



Kenneth

Kenneth's Testimony

"Kenneth is a young man in church serving as an usher living in our Ambercoart community. He welcomes visitors and takes people's temperature. We have been helping him as a church slowly because of the challenges they go through as a family. His father lost his job and since then they have been struggling. They have gone without food and paying house rent was a challenge. His mother sells sweet potatoes in the market but that income cannot sustain them. Before Christmas, Kenneth didn't know how his family would be able to celebrate. When I called him for the Christmas food gift, he was speechless for a minute and made a statement that God is faithful. I knew what that meant and I encouraged and shared God's love that is unending. He was so encouraged and praised God for His provision. I see him come around on Sunday and Friday with a smile. We give God praise."



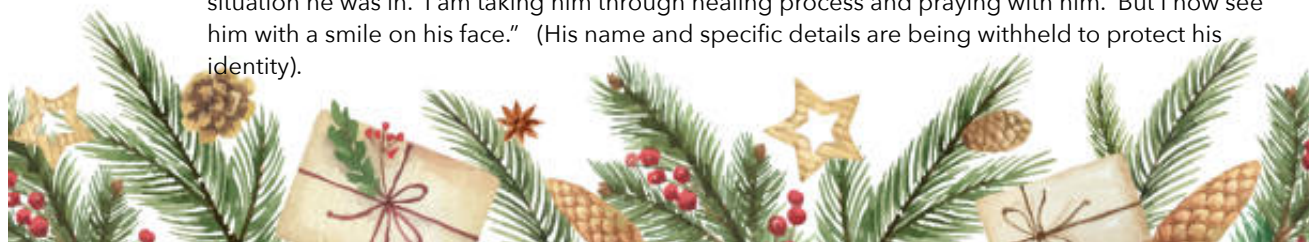
Maria & mom

Judith's Testimony

"Judith is a youth leader associate in our church living in Ambercoart near our house. She is very supportive of her family. Her mother got sick and couldn't sustain the family even before she became ill due to her low income. This is one of the families we want to help in the future with micro financing to help start a business to supporter her family. They didn't know how they were going to celebrate Christmas due to the financial shortage. When they received the gift, it was a great encouragement to them! Joy filled their hearts and above all they knew they are loved and cared for by God. God is so good."

Another Testimony

"We were able to help another one of our church members who lives in our neighborhood. He is the bread winner for his family. His mother and father divorced years ago. It was so challenging for him even to be in school. Recently he applied for a job which required going away for training. Unfortunately, some were subjected to harsh training that led to broken limbs and lost lives. A few decided to escape to the nearest town where he called me. As a church we sent him transport to come back home. On reaching home, he came to church and shared his testimony of what he endured and how thankful he was the church brought him home. He didn't know how he would celebrate on Christmas because his hope was on the allowance they would be given during the training. When we handed him the Christmas gift he got so emotional. He was so surprised and extremely grateful. Upon receiving the gift he said this wipes his pain away from the devastating situation he was in. I am taking him through healing process and praying with him. But I now see him with a smile on his face." (His name and specific details are being withheld to protect his identity).



PRAYER REQUESTS

Update:

1. **FOOD SUPPLY** - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget. For the last **nine 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. Pray for the **budget needs** that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of the month. Last month was close but we still were able to send the full budget!

Because of rising COVID cases and deaths they are facing a **possible lockdown**. Pray we will be prepared as this will affect the food supply not only for us but for the families of our immediate community and families of our students.

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 December 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. **REMODEL OF KITCHEN** - To come under compliance one of the areas we are required to complete is the remodel of the kitchen. We have a balance of \$247 to complete this project.

6. **SCHOOL FEES** - Pray for the necessary national **exam school fees and the internship fees**. More info will be in **part 2 of the January newsletter**.

7. **VAN** The van is in need of repairs to the transmission. The cost for repair and labor will be approximately \$229.

8. **ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING** Pray for various electrical and plumbing repairs needed at the house. Cost approximately \$63.



MORE GRATEFUL FAMILIES GIVING THANKS FOR YOU!



Vivian



Joanne

PRAYERS FOR UGANDAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Please pray for Uganda as they had Presidential elections on Thursday, January 14, 2021. There has been widespread violence and deaths leading up to the elections. Incumbent President Yoweri Museveni was re-elected for a sixth term.

Godfrey reported "He won the election by 58.6% higher than his follower with 34.8%. Even though many expected violence after elections by closing their shops and going to villages, the situation remained calm as police and army are deployed on the streets to combat crime. Keep praying for us as a nation between now and the inauguration of the president, May 14, 2021."

Happy New Year 2021

We are extremely **GRATEFUL** for our **sponsors and supporters** who continue to pray & contribute monthly. We are so thankful to each one of you for your generosity and deep love for our family. God has used each one of you to make a continued difference in our lives. Our Raining Hope family is deeply honored by your support.