

# RAINING HOPE

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

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Last year the school fees were **unique to 2020**. The fees for the candidate students included the cost of **boarding them in hostels** in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19. We thank everyone for helping to cover the costs so they could attend class in person and prepare for the national exams.

We originally reported at the end of 2020 that we didn't have to pay for the second term school fees. It turns out at the end of 2020 the school fees we collected **were for a delayed 2nd term**. Most of our students did **study from home** with the use of the new projector. **The candidate students** had an accelerated schedule for **six weeks in boarding school to prepare for the national exams**. They came home for the holidays but had to **return on January 18, 2021** to finish preparations and take the national exams on **February 26, 2021**. The following fees on page 2 are now for the **third and final term of 2020 and taking the national exams for the candidate students**.

There is no word yet on how this affects when school will start for the new year of 2021. COVID has disrupted the entire academic calendar and everyone is doing their best to help all students complete a very challenging school year. It has been confusing and Godfrey has not been given much notice as to start dates.

The good news is **Vivian successfully completed her Hotel & Tourism courses!** She now has begun a mandatory **internship** in Kampala. She will be staying at the Speke Apartments for three months. Graduation will be sometime this year depending on COVID restrictions.

We anticipate more homeschooling for 2021. We will keep you up to date when we know more. Thank you for understanding and praying with us.

## Third Term School Fees, Boarding & Internship

### Secondary School Candidates for promotion

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| Joel   | Senior 6 |
| Maria  | Senior 4 |
| Sophia | Senior 4 |
| Zuluta | Senior 4 |
| Difasi | Senior 4 |

### Dreams & Goals

|                  |
|------------------|
| Musician         |
| Chef             |
| Fashion & Design |
| Accountant       |
| Tour Guide       |



**Vivian**

### Primary School Candidate for promotion

|         |           |        |
|---------|-----------|--------|
| Jemimah | Primary 7 | Doctor |
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### Kindergarten Class

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**Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for All Candidates \$1304**

**Total for Boarding for Secondary & Primary Candidates \$ 507**

**The candidates will be in the hostel from January 18, 2021-February 26, 2021**

**Post Secondary School/Trade School - Internship \$ 630**

|        |                 |             |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| Vivian | Hotel & Tourism | Pastry Chef |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|

**GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING : \$2,441**

**All fees are currently due now. They have already returned to school.**

The recent Presidential Elections caused a shutdown of all internet and social media. Godfrey and I were not able to communicate for 5-6 days. He wasn't able to contact me until the students were already on their way back to school.

Godfrey worked with all the schools to allow the students to return to the hostels and start classes so they wouldn't fall behind. They all understood with the internet shutdown, Godfrey wasn't able to contact me regarding these third term school fees and internship. He was only given a few days notice of the start date of Vivian's required internship in Kampala. Joan who has been at school for Social Work will have her internship sometime around June this year.

Please pray with us as we all work together to help our students complete a very unique and challenging year.



## PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER FOR RAINING HOPE January 26–28, 2021

“Hello and Welcome to the **Raining Hope Pampered Chef Fundraiser!** We are going to have a great week discovering some fun new recipes, amazing products and chances to play games and win prizes! I want to invite you to join us! This is a unique and fun way to support a phenomenal ministry that we all love! Please pass the information on to others and let’s be generous as we bless Raining Hope! Thank you for your support!” (Tess Bloyer Rolf - Pampered Chef Consultant)

A dear friend of mine, Tess Bloyer Rolf contacted me offering to host a Pampered Chef online party as a fundraiser for Raining Hope! **The party will be January 26-28, 2021.** Pampered Chef donates **10%-15% of the sales to Raining Hope.** The percentage is determined by the amount of total sales. The fundraiser also includes credit for every party that is booked from this fundraiser.

Tess is a long time friend of ours. We are thankful we can support her in her business as well as raise funds for Raining Hope. We appreciate your prayers for a successful fundraiser!

The fundraiser is on my Facebook page. If you are on Facebook you may also receive a reminder invite on Messenger. For those who are not on Facebook, we have provided the following invitation link that will take you right to the online party. Please feel free to share this invitation link with your friends and family members. All are welcomed and invited to participate. We can use your help getting the word out. I have used Pampered Chef products for years! They are excellent!

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/eydiemiskel0126>

When you click on the above link it will take you to the fundraising page for **“Raining Hope’s Fundraiser with Pampered Chef”**. When you click **“Shop Now”** you will be taken to the product pages. When you **checkout** you will see the comment, “You are checking out with Eydie Miskel’s Raining Hope Fundraiser with Pampered Chef Consultant: Tess Bloyer”

All last year we were not able to host any in-person fundraisers due to COVID-19 restrictions including our tamale fundraiser. We still don’t know what 2021 has in store for any fundraiser gatherings. We are thankful for Tess helping us be creative as we continue to stay safe! This also gives us the unique opportunity to host an event that virtually reaches out to all our sponsors and friends no matter where you live! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Tess whose contact information is on the invite page.

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement!

## THANK YOU TO GODFREY

It goes without saying, **Godfrey is doing an excellent job managing Raining Hope Ministries in Uganda.** I am so thankful and blessed to have this man of integrity to partner with to manage Raining Hope Uganda.

Managing the home has **day-to-day responsibilities** that are too numerous to count. We have a home of 22 students who all look to Godfrey as uncle, father and pastor.

He is a **well respected man in the community.** He has favor with city officials and law enforcement.

He is **pastor to Raining Hope Ministries** which now includes the **weekly radio program locally and nationally.**

He is regularly dealing with **medical issues** making frequent trips to and from the hospital and clinics.

He has had to deal with an **aging van,** sometimes finding other means of transportation to carry out his duties.

This last year he handled the **pandemic and the lockdown with wisdom and strength.** He focused on the discipleship of our family helping them to grow in their walk with the Lord.

All this and he is a **husband and father to his own five children.** Needless to say, Godfrey is in need of a time of **rest and refreshment** for all that he has shouldered especially last year.

We are working on some time off for him in February to have a **"spiritual retreat"** to spend time with the Lord. Because of COVID concerns we are working on what this would look like and where he could go.

After we get school fees taken care of and the February budget needs met, Godfrey will spend 10 days on retreat.

Please be in prayer as we **honor Godfrey for all he does for Raining Hope.** At a later time we will plan something more for Godfrey and his family. Right now there are still too many restrictions and concerns due to COVID-19. We want to give him some needed and well deserved **rest & recharging.** Pray for the needed funds to cover accommodations once we decide what will work best.

## YEAR END TAX RECEIPTS

For those of you who made **donations in 2020,** the **year-end tax receipts** will be mailed out this week. Carol works on the financial records and I write the thank you letter with a summary of what God has done in the past year.

To write the praise report, I go back through the **newsletters as the guide for the letter.** If you have time, I encourage you to go to the website where you will find past editions. I was overwhelmed at the reminders of how God miraculously provided. Watching God work in ways that can only be explained by him encouraged me deeply.

I want to take this opportunity to say **thank you to Carol John** for the excellent work she does all year round as Raining Hope's treasurer! She takes care of everything that has to do with the finances. Carol works so hard behind the scenes. She is a valuable part of the Raining Hope team. On Giving Tuesday, Carol also posted a fundraiser on Facebook for Raining Hope which raised \$695!

Thank you, Carol for your continued excellence in service for the Kingdom! We love and appreciate you!

### 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.raininghope.org](http://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 requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is harder to retrieve when the front office is not occupied.

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