

Raining Hope Fundraiser

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

Raining Hope Virtual Christmas Fundraiser - December & January 2025/2026

This year we are hosting another **VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER** that will run through the entire month of December and January! The fundraiser will raise the much needed funds for our **regular budget and the special Christmas projects in this newsletter**. These Christmas projects are above and beyond your normal sponsorship donations. This is the one time of year we raise additional funds to bless the family with Christmas gifts and provisions for their immediate families. We also are preparing for the **first term of school for 2026**. Last year our virtual fundraiser was a huge success thanks to all of you!

We can't express enough how grateful we are each year to all our sponsors and supporters who continue to pray and sacrificially support the Raining Hope family. We know you have your own needs for your own families. We are deeply honored by your love and support. God has used each one of you to make a tremendous difference in the lives of these precious individuals. Thank you for blessing us this Christmas with your love, support and encouragement. It means the world to our Raining Hope family! You are deeply loved!



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RAINING HOPE CHRISTMAS!



Christmas Food Baskets \$484 or \$32 a family

RAINING HOPE would like to bless at least 15 families with food this Christmas! This will be for the families of our children. Many families have continued to struggle with the rising cost of food and supplies.

We would provide food baskets of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar and bread. We also want to provide enough to carry them through the New Year. This includes the families of our students who have graduated as they are still an active part of our ministry.

Because we are still short on budget needs, we will first raise enough to take care of our student's families. If additional funds come in, we will bless more of the needy families in the community.

If you would like to **sponsor a family or give a designated amount**, please contact Carol John or Mama Eydie. We would like to send the funds as soon as possible so Godfrey has time to purchase the food.



Family Christmas/New Year's Meal - \$200

We would like to provide a **Christmas AND New Year's Meal for the Raining Hope family**. Even our students who have graduated will come back and join with the family to celebrate the season and the ringing in of the New Year!



RAINING HOPE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Refrigerator - \$522

For the past ten years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family. Our students live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. Godfrey is the one who will let me know what gift is most needed. Because we are focusing on getting budget needs caught up and school/university fees were so high, they were not expecting a family gift this year. They are grateful for their education and what they already have. **We definitely want to bless the family with a gift!** We will begin raising money this month. When I expressed this to Godfrey, he said they can wait until all funds are raised even if this means the gift will be purchased in the beginning of 2026.

There are various needs for the family. But the gift they would need the most is a **new refrigerator**. We bought a freezer awhile ago to help keep food for longer periods. But they go **shopping for perishables multiple times a week** because they don't have any way to keep things cold. A refrigerator will help them the most.



Christmas Gift for Godfrey - New Phone - \$260

Godfrey's phone has been having issues for quite some time now. He has had it repaired multiple times. He is now at that point it is costing more to repair the phone than it is worth. We would like to bless Godfrey with a much needed phone for his duties as manager.

New Printer - \$188

Godfrey also is in need of the new printer in order to make his work easier. He would also appreciate that gift towards the home.



And This is LOVE



In the December newsletter, I wrote an article called, "Telling the Greatest Story of All". I needed the reminder to keep focused on the simplicity and wonder of Christmas. In quiet moments as we reflect upon the season, we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. We wanted to honor and remember those who you remember with love this Christmas.

I asked our treasurer, Carol John if she would share her thoughts about what it means to look back with loving memories during the holiday season. I am thankful to her for these words of encouragement and love. The Raining Hope family will specifically pray for you this Christmas as you remember your loved ones who are no longer with us. If you would like to share a tribute or a story with us, please feel free to contact me at

signinghands49@yahoo.com. I will share it with the Raining Hope family in Uganda and they will pray with you this season. You are not alone. You are deeply loved this Christmas. Peace, Mama Eydie Kisakye

"During the Christmas season we look forward to times together with family and friends we love. The effort we go to in order to be together by traveling long distances demonstrates our love. The gifts we bring and the special foods we share are also demonstrations of our love for each other.

I just returned from a trip to California with my sister, Diane, to spend time with our sister, Susan and her husband, Dave. Much planning and effort went into the trip. (It was great, by the way.) But all of it, again, demonstrates our great love for each other.

By now you might be thinking, "Okay, now Carol is going to use these examples to point out how God demonstrated His love for us by sending His Son from heaven to earth - a great distance - and at a great cost."

Well, although that is true, my newest takeaway from this season is this:

The bonds of love are powerful.

We climb any hill or cross any river or drive through any snowstorm to get to the ones we love. The traffic jams on the interstates before Thanksgiving are demonstrations of love. Love draws us, compels us, and motivates us.

That's how powerful love is.

At the same time, during this season we find ourselves missing the loved ones who are no longer with us. We remember their lives among us with memorials, and we tell the old stories again and again of how special they were, and still are, to us. Grief is the cost of our love.

When asked what the greatest commandment is Jesus answered "Love."

He actually said it this way, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself." But His bottom line was "Love."

As supporters of Raining Hope, some for many years and some just joining us, we all have been motivated by love - a love so powerful that it has changed us in our own lives as well as changing our Raining Hope family across the globe in theirs. And, yes, the ultimate example of God's powerful love is seen at Christmas with the divine Baby lying in a manger.

We're all in this together - in America or in Uganda - the power of Love is a story we live and breathe every day, and it is a story worth telling every day".

Merry Christmas.
Carol



MONTHLY BUDGET

Pray for our monthly budget needs. Compliance issues, higher school fees and an increase in the monthly radio costs contribute to the monthly budget challenges. We also are praying for additional monthly sponsors as we are about \$500 a month short each month of what is needed. Thank you for all who are currently **monthly sponsors of the ministry**. We appreciate your prayers as we trust God to do what only He can do.

Our average monthly budget needs in Uganda are close to \$2,400. For the **last few months we have not been able to send the whole budget at the beginning of the month.** We have had a couple of months that we were not able to complete the whole budget. **That resulted in buying less food and supplies.** If you want more information on our monthly sponsorship program **"Beacon of Hope"** please contact Mama Eydie. If you want to make a **donation towards regular budget needs, please contact Carol John.**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **this fundraiser** you would mark your check **"Christmas Fundraiser"**. If you want to make a donation to a **specific Christmas project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **compliance 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.

***CREDIT CARD:** On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code to the right. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**

ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle from your online banking account

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount

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If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org.

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

Note: * These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts.

There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.