

RAINING HOPE

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

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DEAR RAINING HOPE SUPPORTERS

Greetings to all our dear sponsors in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are so thankful for you and all you have done for us all year long.

Mama Eydie Kisakye always updates us about you and we have never stopped drawing you closer in our prayers. We started devotions every Saturday morning from 6:00 am to 7:00 am just to pray for you all. Know that we have you at heart in our prayers. We appreciate the Lord for the life He has given us this full year. We thank the Lord for your lives as well.

We are so thankful to God for you. We thank Him for the way He has used you to help with the renovations at the house. Because of your support, we were able to completely paint the house, put on a new roof, put in a new drainage system, repair the electrical system, work on the plumbing, remodel the girl's bathroom, purchase new beds, sheets and shelves as well as provide food, school fees and medical needs. Thank you for staying with us all this time. Thank you for the prayers you always make for us.

We appreciate you for being such a great support to Mama Kisakye in all her efforts towards this family. Thank you for being there for her and thank you for supporting our Raining Hope family.

Christmas time is here and we celebrate it in remembrance of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ here on earth to show His love to people undeserving. As we celebrate this great love that came to us we pray that the everlasting love of Christ fills you and surrounds you all the way through. This very love He brought is what you have shown us through your support and care for our need and developments at the house in Uganda.

Our prayer for you that God will continue to work in your lives and meet you at the point of your need. We pray for comfort for those who have lost their loved ones in this year. May God give you peace of mind knowing well that blessed are those who die in the Lord for the second death has no power over them. For those who are sick, we keep you in our prayers always and may the God of power heal you according to his great mercies.

We love you all and pray for you.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2019.
Godfrey & Raining Hope Ministries Uganda

WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED WITH RAINING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON !



Help Raining Hope share the love of Christ by blessing their families and others in need with a Christmas meal.

Most of our children have guardians or one parent that they visit during the Christmas holiday. We want to bless their families with a traditional Christmas meal of rice and beef. This is the appropriate cultural gift to be presented at this time of year. Rice and beef are not affordable for most of these families. **We want to bless 25 families with rice, beef, sugar, soap, bread, margarine & cooking oil.** Last year, we helped 40 families including those in our community. Godfrey reported that when they brought the beef, most families did not have oil to properly cook it. This year he wanted to help the families of our children, a few families in the community & add cooking oil, bread and margarine. This year he also wanted to provide enough food that would last a few days. **Taking families a Christmas meal will be a gesture of love from the Raining Hope family to point to the true Giver of the**

greatest gift of all - JESUS. As the community continues to see the children of Raining Hope as a Beacon of Light, this gift of food will bring of the **GIFT OF HOPE** to the families of our children.

The needed amount to bless the 25 families is a total of \$688. That averages \$28 per family.



Christmas Gifts for the Raining Hope Family

We would like to purchase **one main Christmas gift for all our children.** Our children live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together. Giving one main gift for the whole family has worked beautifully the past three years.

Because this year we have had to focus on renovations, audit & new government regulations, Godfrey wanted to keep the Christmas gift simple. What they really need is new clothing and shoes. Because of my luggage limitations, we buy the clothing there rather than bring any from the US. **The amount needed this year is \$694. This averages \$28 per student.** (This includes for the boys, two shirts, two pairs of trousers, undergarments and a pair of shoes. For the girls, a blouse, two skirts, undergarments & a pair of shoes.)



Help provide a Christmas meal for the Raining Hope family: \$108 They will celebrate Christmas together as a family before going to visit their relatives.



Godfrey & Irene's 10th Wedding Anniversary

This month we will be celebrating Godfrey & Irene's 10th Wedding Anniversary! We would like to have a party which will include celebrating our four graduates:

Jonathan - Nursing

Sylvia - Broadcasting

Jesca - Nursing

Godfrey - Seminary

Next year we will raise money to send Godfrey & his family on a much deserved anniversary trip. Because this year we are focused on the new policies, Godfrey is still needed in town to complete the audit. He wanted to wait until after we receive final approval that we will be one of the homes that will remain open before leaving on an anniversary trip.

The budget for the anniversary/graduation party is \$293. An anniversary party is similar to a wedding celebration. Invitations will be sent to family and friends. We will provide food as well as a special program. Godfrey has served tirelessly for Raining Hope. This is our opportunity to show him how much we appreciate his dedication to serving with excellence, integrity and courage. He loves the children with all his heart. He has invested himself in each one of our students through mentorship & discipleship. God is raising up a group of students at Raining Hope that are making a difference in their community & becoming world changers in the name of Jesus. Godfrey is a huge part of why Raining Hope has become a respected and model organization in the community.

If you would like to send a note of congratulations to Godfrey & Irene, Jonathan, Jesca, or Sylvia, please EMAIL letters to Mama Eydie by December 26th. Please do not put any cards or letters in the mail.

Mama Eydie Kisakye will be traveling to Uganda on her 25th trip from December 28-January 8 to ring in the New Year with the Raining Hope family. It was important for her and Godfrey that she is there to celebrate & encourage the students graduating from their higher education courses. Mama Kisakye has also known Godfrey & Irene since her first trip when they were still dating. Godfrey's request was that she be there to bless them in their anniversary celebration.

Please be in prayer for the funds needed for that journey.

The plane fare for Mama Kisakye is \$1,825. We are thankful our travel agent was able to find a fare under \$2,000 as this is a heavy travel time.

Total needed for the trip including airfare, hotel, in country transportation and food is \$2,500.



Pray for continued financial needs



As we look back on 2018 we are so thankful for everything that the Lord has done. He has provided for all of our needs. We are thankful to each one of you who have prayed and supported our Raining Hope family. Each donation has been received with thanksgiving knowing how much you love our children.

Supporters have given above and beyond this year towards the Raining Hope's Roof & Renovation Campaign. Total received of the needed \$15,000 is currently \$13,660. The balance needed is approximately \$1,340. The completion of renovations coincides

with the requirements of the new government policies.

Because of your generosity we have been able to continue the process of the audit and filing for the new government policies. Godfrey is working closely with the auditors and officials. They had graciously extended the deadline with no extra penalties. They are finishing the audit of the past two years of finances. They see we are actively working towards compliance and Godfrey has continued to have favor with them. We request continued prayer that we will receive final approval as one of the homes that will continue to operate in Uganda.

Because so much of the focus has been on renovations and audit, **we have fallen short on monthly budget needs.** This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, and other miscellaneous items. This is separate from school fees. **To clear the budget and all bills for the year by December 31, 2018 we need approximately \$1,997.** Godfrey expressed this is a priority to satisfy the reports of the auditor for this year.

PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US IN THE TAMALE FUNDRAISER! We had an amazing time of worship led by Sunday Mornin' Praise Team. We are thankful to Sylvia Hernandez & Heather Elkins for all of their loving work towards making the event a success. We appreciate Dove Ministries for hosting the event for the second year. We got a head start on the needed school fees for January. January we will know how much more is needed for the new term. Thanks to everyone for your support!

If you want to give to help, mark your check noting any of the above projects and send to our stateside office. You can also make credit card donations on our website - www.raininghope.org.

NEW! AN ADDITIONAL WAY 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.

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