

RAINING HOPE

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

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YOUTH CONFERENCE



We thank God who enabled us to finish the three day youth conference very well. We had some pastor friends who helped in teaching and our students served in music and offering leadership in the area of organizing. We had 115 in attendance.

The youth conference was intended to prepare our youth for the responsibilities that God has prepared ahead of them. This was just as God prepared Joshua to replace Moses. We looked at the life of Joshua and how he prepared and positioned himself to take on the mantle of Moses. We taught them how to use social media for the glory of God. Also, how to practice what they learn from God's Word as they pursue their career in life. We also had time to pray for them and lay our hands on them for empowerment by the Spirit.

We thank God for taking us through all the three days. We had most youth give us feedback of how they really benefited from the conference and how they learned to use the internet. They were even proposing that we continue for more days

Our main test was JOSHUA 1:1-9

Thank you for praying for us and may God richly bless you all.

Pastor Godfrey



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RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM



Praise the Lord! We received all the funds needed for the Resettlement Program for our five students who have graduated and ready to move out into their own places! THANK YOU to all who gave towards this exciting phase of our ministry! Our students are eternally grateful for the love and support you have shown throughout the last fifteen years to help them realize their dreams. It is happening and you have an important role in launching them into their careers!

The Resettlement Program **helps the five students with rent, food and basic necessities for three months.** They are not going to be far from our home. They will **still be actively involved with the home and with our ministry.** They just won't be living at the house. **Raining Hope is their home and we are their family.** **Sylvia and Hillary** have leadership responsibilities at church on Sunday. They will continue with their ministry service at Raining Hope Ministries. **Jesca, Vivian and Joan** will remain active at Raining Hope as well.

Sylvia is working at a salon as a makeup artist. She is still waiting on the right opportunity to apply her journalism skills. She graduated with a degree in Journalism.

Joan is graduating this summer with her degree in Social Work. We will employ her as our required social worker.

Jesca is working at Miracle Herbal Clinic in Jinja Town. She graduated with a degree in Nursing.

Hillary is not yet working but plans on setting up a business in Wanyange to sell cloth while he waits on a ministry opportunity for his seminary degree. He graduated with a degree from Bible Seminary.

Vivian is working at the Sailing Club Restaurant in Jinja Town. She graduated with a degree in Hotel Management/Baking.

Our students will be moving out by the end of August now that the funds have come in! This is a requirement before we can **have the final inspection for the new licensing of our home.**

The next few newsletters we will highlight special testimonies from each of these five as their thank you for all you have done to support them in their journey! The first two testimonies were from Joan and Vivian. This month it is Sylvia!

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS - UNIVERSITY & TRADE SCHOOLS

Our goal is to help student realize their dreams by sending them to University or trade school and launch them into their careers! Depending on the area of study, currently the **average for University or Trade School courses is approximately \$5,000 total for a three year program.** Due to your generosity, we have had eight students graduate from higher education.

We are so grateful for **all sponsors and donors** who have invested in the lives of our students. We currently have **five who are in university or trade school courses .**

For those who have been **long time sponsors of specific individuals,** we appreciate your continued support **even after they graduate or move on.** Your **monthly donations continue to make a huge difference.** Your sponsorship transitioned to support the entire family. With rising costs of all commodities, your sponsorship continues to provide much needed food, shelter, clothing, medicine, supplies etc.

A Grateful Testimony from Sylvia



Dear Sponsors:

Praise the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am so excited to write to you. I hope the Lord has kept you all well. Back here we are great, gracefully. I in person want to thank God for His goodness for the past years that we've spent together as a family. The love, care, bond and unity that our Raining Hope family portrays is something I can't stop talking about because it all happened because of you all not giving up on us.

I want to thank and appreciate you for always being a part of my life and journey. When I flash back on the days before I joined Raining Hope, the fears of life and the hopeless life I used to live in, I break down and thank God who used you to come to my rescue. My life had no meaning. I lived by what I see and never hoped that God would make a way. My family, brothers and sisters were frustrated with life because there was nothing good coming with life because there was nothing good coming out. But through you, God made a way for me and my future picture got clearer. I am a living testimony today through my education, ministry, even in my family and I don't take it for granted. I highly appreciate God completing my academics and pursuing a diploma in Journalism school was a dream come true.

I really want to thank you for standing with me all this while. You made sure that I made it to where I am today regardless of the challenges we went through.

I am humbled to hear about the provisions for the resettlement. When Uncle Godfrey shared with us, I deeply understand that all these happenings are to build and shape us to become more responsible people and I thank God for that.

I thank Mum Kisakye and Uncle Godfrey who have spent time to teach us a lot about growth both spiritually, mentally and morally. I believe that as we go out there, we shall apply them accordingly. I want to appreciate them for believing that we can be responsible for our lives. I want to personally thank them for loving and caring this much. All the support and prayers from everyone are highly appreciated.

I love you all dearly and thank you for making me bold, confident and an intelligent young lady with your words of wisdom and knowledge. I pray that God continues to protect and guide you. Our bond should continue to grow bigger as we move forward !

God bless you and I love you!

Sylvia



BEACON OF HOPE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Over the past **fifteen years** we have helped countless students through their primary, secondary & post secondary school education. You have given in multiple ways:

1. A one time designated donation when a specific need arises.
2. Multiple designated donations as a regular supporter.
3. Becoming a Beacon of Hope Monthly Sponsor which is a minimum of \$30 a month. The monthly average per student to cover food, shelter, clothing, medicine, supplies etc. is closer to \$90 per month depending on the age of the student and their education level. But to make it affordable we set the minimum at \$30 a month so more people could be involved in sponsorship.

After the five students are resettled into their new homes, Raining Hope will have fifteen students we care for living under the same roof. All of the students in our home have had individual sponsors similar to many other Child Sponsorship Organizations. Instead of having multiple sponsors per child, we **shifted from a one-to-one child sponsorship program** to a **family sponsorship program**. In order to get to the heart of Raining Hope and our mission, this new model is the way **you can be more acquainted with all our students who are Raining Hope**. This has worked beautifully since we made that shift years ago.

Thanks to everyone who has continued to give towards our students hopes and dreams!
YOU ARE HIGHLY APPRECIATED & LOVED!

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

Monthly Budget

- Since the start of the pandemic, our monthly budget in Uganda has increased to an average of **\$2,200 a month**. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **For the month of September the budget needs are \$2365.**

• Additional needs for September:

- Computer Repair: \$82
- Ink Cartridges: : \$36
- Continue to pray as Godfrey is doing his best to live within the budget even though prices on everything are continuing to rise. The one area that can't be cut back is medical. **He is trying to scale back and prioritize the food budget depending on the daily rising prices. LAST WEEK he told me that in one day many food prices doubled.**
- **Update from the recent protests in Kampala & Jinja:**
 - Heavy deployment of police and the army helped to keep the protests under control. The protesters did not succeed.
 - The economy is still struggling. Commodity prices are high. People are dying of hunger. There is still a high crime rate.
 - Petro (fuel) remains high which sparks the continued rise in food costs and commodities.
 - In the recent Presidential address, he encouraged them to endure and adjust their way of living.
 - They are in the rainy season now. Planting of crops is happening. They expect food prices to come down towards December.