RAININGHOPE

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

Inside this edition:

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER!

Updates on Christmas

First Term School Fees

Budget & Radio

Stateside:

Raining Hope Inc.

c/o Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill Road #206 Ventura, CA 93003

Eydie Miskel Executive Director

805-340-7612 eydie@raininghope.org & signinghands49@yahoo.com

Carol John - Treasurer

805-377-7387 carol@raininghope.org

Heather Elkins - Secretary

805-766-4087 heather@raininghope.org





To Our Dear Friends and Sponsors:

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ hoping that you are all fine. We want to thank God for the year 2023 and all the good things He has done. We believe that the hardest moments of life in the year 2023 will turn out for our good in the year 2024.

We give thanks to God for you. Thank you for standing with the Raining Hope family all through the year. Thank you dearly for all your love and support.

We pray as we welcome the year 2024, the Lord will continue to shine His light your way and dispense all the darkness. May He give you victory side by side.

As Raining Hope Ministries here in Uganda, we wish you a Victorious 2024!

With Love,

Godfrey Raining Hope Ministries Uganda





RAINING HOPE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023/2024

We are continuing with our VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER throughout the month of January! The fundraiser has helped to raise funds for much needed special projects. Currently, we are in need of raising the funds for the first term of school for 2024. (Full report on page 3). This is a time sensitive issue as school begins February 2, 2024.

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 our family this Christmas with your love, support and encouragement. You are deeply loved!

Eydie is available to come to your church, clubs or ministries to speak and share about all that God is doing in and through our Raining Hope family. Please contact Eydie if you would like more information about hosting a fundraising event or having her come to speak. Contact Carol John if you have any questions regarding how to give.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT & CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MEAL

THANK YOU to sponsors and supporters who have given towards this year's Christmas gift of much needed couches that have deteriorated! We are still collecting money and prayerfully will present it to them this month.

Praise the Lord! We were able to provide the funds for the Raining Hope family to have a **Christmas AND New Year's FEAST!** Our students who have graduated came back to join the family to celebrate the season and the ringing in of the New Year.

HELPING FAMILIES WITH FOOD THIS CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Every year, RAINING HOPE has been able to help the families of our children as well as a few in our community. We provide food baskets of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread, butter, soap, salt & fuel. This simple meal carries 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.

Praise the Lord! We were able to help 20 families with food for the holidays! Thank you for your generosity. Without your support these families would not have had a Christmas or New Year's meal.

JANUARY 2024

FIRST TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

Senior Secondary School Dreams & Goals

JoanneSenior 6NurseTamarahSenior 6AccountantDanSenior 4BusinessJemimahSenior 3AccountantJaelSenior 1Doctor

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Senior Secondary School: \$2,227 or \$445 each

Primary School

JirehPrimary 6DramaHopePrimary 3Pilot

Trust Primary 2

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary & Kindergarten School: \$849 or \$283 each

Post Secondary School/Trade School - INTERNSHIPS

Hotel & Tourism Tour Guide \$ 205 Difasi (Already covered \$164) Sophia Fashion Design Fashion Design \$ 288 Joel **Electrical Installation** Electrician \$178 IT Technician Henry (Last term) **Business Computing** \$888

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Post Secondary School/Trade School

\$1,559

GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING DUE NOW

\$4,635

We appreciate you joining us in prayer. Thank you for giving our students hope for their futures.

They are extremely grateful to all of you for your support and your prayers.

Fees are currently due as they begin school between now and February 2, 2024. (Internships have already begun) Schools require 70% of fees due before students can begin.

UPDATE ON INTERNSHIPS:

Difasi is posted in Kasese District where Queen Elizabeth Park is located

Sophia is posted in Mbale City where Mt. Elgon is located

Joel is posted in Jinja City

Henry will be done with his business courses this year and has been performing well in school **Maria** unfortunately did not pass all her courses. We are discussing what this means in terms of repeating courses

UPDATE ON PROMOTIONS & CANDIDATE CLASSES

Zuluta finished secondary school! She will join university courses in August

Jael completed primary school level! She promoted to secondary school level.

Tamarah, Joanne & Daniel are all in candidate classes this year to complete secondary level. They will do their national exams this year.



BUDGET

BUDGET: Pray for our monthly budget needs. Last year we were not able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month for most of the latter half of the year. We ended up having to send two wires a month. Compliance issues, higher school fees and an increase in the monthly radio costs contributed to the monthly budget challenges. Godfrey has been making due by decreasing certain costs mainly in the area of food. Thank you for all who are monthly sponsors of the ministry. It has been a challenge with the loss last year of some larger donations. We appreciate your prayers as we trust God to do what only He can do.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as **SCHOOL FEES, COMPLIANCE etc.** or **BUDGET.** If multiple donations come in for a designated need, excess funds will be placed in the budget to cover the overall needs. If there is no designation it will go into the 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.

ZELLE: If your bank uses Zelle for money transfers you may send money instantly to Raining Hope.

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





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



We continue to **thank God for the Radio Ministry** and how God is using it to **reach many people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.** We have heard many testify about God's grace to heal them, lift them up and change them through our Radio Ministry. The messages on the radio have helped people grow in their walk with

Christ. We have had testimony after testimony of those who have given their lives to Christ & how it has changed the lives of so many others. Please keep our radio ministry in your prayers because the monthly cost for the radio ministry has increased from \$135 a month to \$160. We have had a few sponsors who in the past gave directly to fund the radio ministry. Not being able to send the full budget has also affected the radio ministry. We are behind with covering the monthly cost and may have to stop with the Sunday radio programming. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.