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**“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH 10:1**



Thank you to the Golf Classic Committee comprised of Doug Spriggs, Ricky MacDonald, Dave Denstaedt and Stafford Barker for all of their hard work in making the 2nd Annual Raining Hope Golf Classic a success! I also want to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their day to come and assist the golf committee. Those volunteers were Katie Baldwin, Fritz & Sally Fidel, Chuck & Chris Frye, Kelly Marley, Eric Spriggs, Kim Spriggs & Shannon & Lincoln Sutton. Each one of you played a very important role.

On behalf of the Raining Hope family I want to say thank you for helping to raise necessary funds & bring more awareness to our purpose of helping the children come one step closer to realizing their dreams. Mama Eydie Kisakye

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## Another Great Day on the Golf Course

Golfers are fond of saying that “a bad day on the golf course is better than a good day anywhere else.” Well, I don’t know if I would go that far, but I will say this: May 23rd, 2016 was a GREAT day on the golf course! That was the date of the 2016 Raining Hope Classic. Golfers gathered on the course at the crack of dawn for registration, warm-ups, contests, breakfast and fellowship. By 7:45 am, we were off to our first tees. Fifteen groups competed but everybody won (especially the children of Raining Hope).

This was only the second installment of the Raining Hope Classic, but it was bigger and better than we could have imagined! Last year, 40 golfers participated. This year registration increased to 58 golfers. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and funds for Raining Hope Ministries. That goal was certainly met. God provided the generous participants and donors who made the event a resounding success.

In addition to the golf, there were contests, raffles and auctions. All of those were successful in terms of raising funds. But the greatest successes were the relationships that were built and the communication of the Raining Hope story and vision. Eydie spoke about the ministry of Raining Hope and the way that God is changing the world by changing the lives of the Raining Hope kids and inspiring them to invest their lives in changing the lives of others. The message was heard loud and clear.

I want to thank everyone who participated, from donors and sponsors to volunteers and golfers. It is the people that make an event like this a success! Praise God for what He did at the 2016 Raining Hope Classic!

Doug Spriggs & the Golf Classic Committee



Including frame  
25 1/2 inches tall  
by 16 inches wide

At the golf classic we had a very successful silent auction. There were two items that were not bid on that the golf committee would like to put on Ebay. Here is a description of the two amazing watercolor paintings.

These are the works of world-renowned sports artist, Daniel M. Smith. Smith uses watercolors to create photorealistic representations of athletes. Both of these lithographs are numbered limited editions and are signed by both the athlete and the artist. They look like photographs; but they are paintings. They will make a great edition to the decor in the home or office of any sports fan.

The first piece to the left is hall-of-famer, Dick Butkus. He is widely regarded as the best linebacker ever to play the game. The second piece to the right is hall-of-famer, Ronnie Lott (as a San Francisco 49er). He is considered one of the best defensive backs ever to play the game.

Minimum for each piece is \$250. If you are interested in either of these pieces before they are placed on EBay, please contact Carol John at 805-377-7387.



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by 17 inches wide

## Praise & Prayer - Security System

### UPDATE ON SECURITY ISSUES

Last month we informed you that there was a **break in at the house**. Immediately, I had a family step forward who helped us **purchase the two german shepherd guard dogs & materials to build the shelters!** We had **another individual donate money towards their monthly feeding**. For these two generous families the children want to offer their thank you for helping to begin the process of securing the compound. **Praise the Lord!!! Special thanks for those of you who contacted me concerned & letting me know you were praying.**



**This is the recommendation from the police to ensure safety of our compound:**

- 1) **Install barbed razor wire on the top of the perimeter wall.** When most thieves see this type of barbed wire they know it could possibly be electrified so they do not try to attempt it. It makes it hard for them to exit a compound even if they tried. It also adds to the height of the wall about 2 feet. The cost of installing this barbed wire would be approximately **\$802**.
- 2) **Install solar security lighting.** Most thieves enter properties at night when the electricity is off. This is also when the children would be asleep. The police advised us to consider having a solar lighting system on the wall as added security. This helps to eliminate darkness which becomes perfect hiding places for would be thieves. Godfrey got a bid from a company who installs this type of lighting. Cost is approximately **\$1446**.
- 3) **New TV.** We are praising the Lord that the only item stolen that was of larger value was our TV. Godfrey uses it also as a teaching tool. This week he was suppose to continue in the "War Room" Bible study with the children. It requires the use of the DVD player for the video content. Cost of a new TV will be approximately **\$400**.

I rest more at ease that our children are safer with the purchase of the guard dogs. The next priority is the barbed wire for the perimeter wall. Third would be to install the solar lighting as needed. If you would like to help, please contact us by phone or email on the numbers listed on page 1. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

**Note:** The profits from the golf tournament are a huge answer to prayer. They will be used according to priority as to what are the immediate needs. I include approximate figures so you have a clear picture of how the funds are being used. School fees, security issues, & hospital bills are the top priorities right now.

## Additional Prayer Requests & Praises for June 2016

**Praise for the success of the 2nd Annual Golf Classic!** This especially helped to raise necessary funds towards the school fees for the second term.

**Pray for the needed funds for the upcoming second term.** The total needed for the second term school fees are: (with current exchange rate)

For 27 students - primary & secondary school fees and supplies - **\$2457**

For 2 nursing students - fees and requirements - **\$1212 (Praise - a scholarship of \$500 was given towards the nursing students! The need is now \$712)**

Godfrey's continuing education - degree program in Bible & Theology - **\$318 (Praise - a scholarship has been given to cover this expense)**

**Total needed for 2nd term school fees and supplies - \$3,169 (\$2457 + \$712)**

**Continue to pray for our students who are beginning their advance schooling. Pray for additional scholarships, especially for our two nursing students.**

**Pray for the additional hospital bills to care for Ronald & Annet (see special update sent separately)**

**Pray as I am continuing work with our board on our new policies & sponsorship guidelines.**

**Pray for the additional funds needed for renovations - These figures are the most current and always approximate due to fluctuation in exchange rates.**

**Painting the boy's quarters:** \$1,026

**Roofing the Main House:** \$4,974 (We are in rainy season right now. The roof has begun leaking more. We have had the roof inspected by a company sent over from the hotel. They can work in phases until enough funding comes in. We want to begin with the area that is most damaged.)

**Septic Tank:** \$2,135

**Plumbing for main house and boy's quarters:** \$1,318

**Rainwater Harvesting:** \$1,068

**Electrical for Main House:** \$366

**Pray for our monthly budget needs for food, utility bills, health etc.**

**Pray for outreach needs -** The needed outreach equipment will be used on a continual basis for the increasing outreach/evangelism emphasis that our children are effectively involved in as they share the Good News of Jesus. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Eydie or Carol John at 805-377-7387.

**Pray for our children & Ugandan Staff of Raining Hope**

Dan / David / Difasi / Doreen / Esther / Florence / Frank / Hamon / Henry / Hillary / Hope

Jael / Jemimah / Jessica / Jireh / Joan / Joanne / Joel / Jonathan / Katia / Maria / Martha / Mary

Ronald / Sharon / Sofia / Sylvia / Tabitha / Tamare / Vivian / Waiswa / Zuluta / **Godfrey & Irene / Annet / Helen**

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