

RAINING HOPE

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

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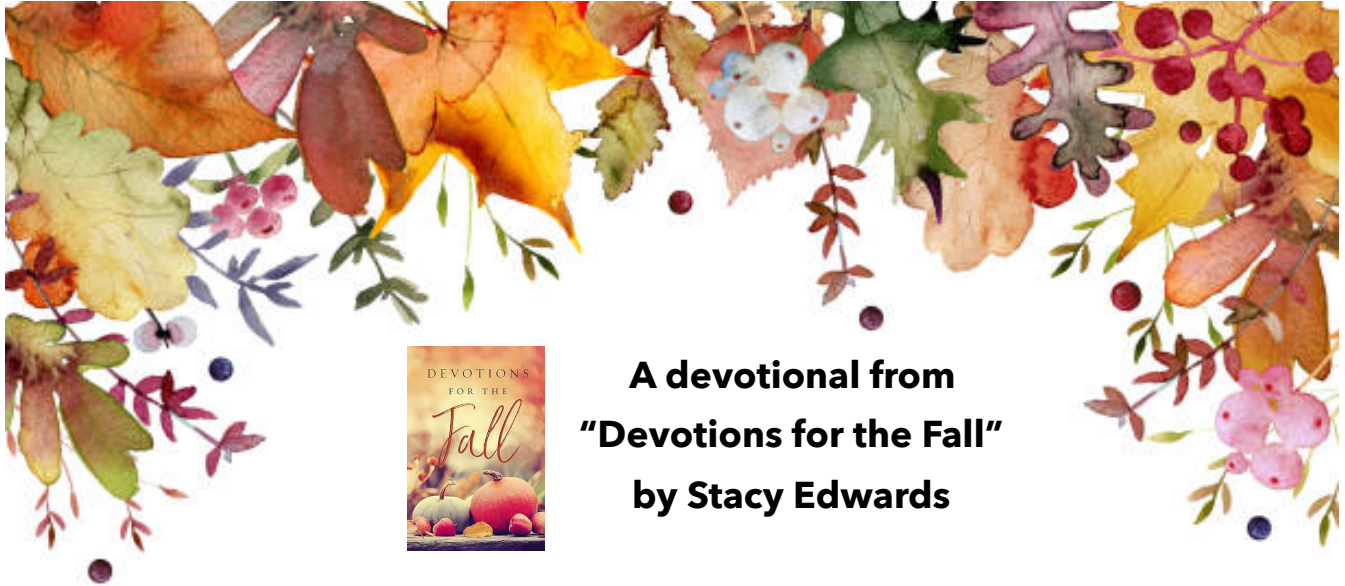


Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us *shout joyfully* to Him with psalms.” Psalms 93:2

This Thanksgiving, the Raining Hope family extends its deepest and most heartfelt **THANKS to YOU for your continued encouragement, love and support.** We have many reasons to shout for joy because of YOU.

We have been blessed with much and have so much to be grateful for. But many have experienced deep loss this year as well. There are many in the world who are lonely. There are many who are struggling. I found a devotional in the book, “Devotions for the Fall” by Stacy Edwards that really spoke to my heart. Part of that devotional is on Page 2.

God has placed you strategically in our lives. You are a part of our Raining Hope family on purpose for His purposes. We want to recognize the family God has intentionally created for us. YOU. We love you all and wish you a very blessed and peace-filled Thanksgiving.



**A devotional from
"Devotions for the Fall"
by Stacy Edwards**

"One tradition that many people have adopted in recent years is a gathering called **Friendsgiving**. It's a time when those who aren't related by blood gather together to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of friendship. It is an intentional choice to celebrate what a person has been given instead of getting caught up in what may be missing.

Anyone who is separated from family due to death, distance, or broken relationships knows that the sting of loss is particularly sharp during the fall and holiday season. It can seem as if you're the only one alone, but we would be shocked at how many people aren't surrounded by family. Yet, we have this beautiful promise in Scripture that God takes the lonely and sets them in a family of His making (Psalm 68:8). It may be coworkers, neighbors, fellow students, or a church community, *(or a family half way across the world)*! People we never would have expected suddenly become an **integral part of our lives**.

Some of the greatest gifts God bestows on us are the **people He places in our lives**. Our Father sees us in our solitude, is aware of every loss, and knows how to rescue the godly from trials (2 Peter 2:9 NIV). One way He often chooses to rescue us is through friends. How often have we had a friend walk through a trial with us? Share their story? Simply sit with us? We call them friends, but could it be that God calls them family?

Before allowing losses to become the theme of our season, we can make a list of all the people **God has strategically placed in our lives**. **Let's take a moment and recognize the family God has intentionally created for us".** *Stacy Edwards*

*Pray for those who God has strategically **placed in your lives**. Find time this season to call a friend or family member. **Send cards of gratitude to people who have blessed you**. You never know when the timing of a kind word of encouragement is just what that person needed. Let's make a difference this Thanksgiving for His Kingdom. We are thankful God intentionally created you to be a part of our Raining Hope family! We love you. Happy Thanksgiving! Mama Eydie Kisakye*

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COMPLIANCE UPDATE

We are so thankful for all we accomplished when we were faced with the **initial compliance requirements**. This was due to your immediate response. We still have more to do.

We were given a reprieve due to the wedding, introduction and graduation activities. Many other homes were immediately shut down who were not in compliance. Some from the board were in attendance for our graduation so they saw in action what we are all about. That bought us some time but **now we are needing to complete the first phase of compliance to receive the official permit to operate**.

But, like last time, we have been given very short notice that the compliance officials from Kampala are coming. They are making their rounds this Friday, November 24, 2023 to the Jinja area for one week. Our house will be one visited. Godfrey was caught by surprise by the information.

Currently, the amount needed for **this phase of compliance & the year end Auditing & Filing Tax Returns is \$1840**. Every organization in Uganda is required to pay the Auditing & Filing Tax Returns fee. We file at the end of every year. This is an **immediate need as the surprise inspection is happening within days**. We are so thankful for all who have given so far that has **kept us open to this point**. Unfortunately, as rules keep changing, we need to comply in order to keep operating.

We accomplished so much in a short time in order to initially comply. We appreciate your prayers as we continue to complete all that is needed. There is so much more to do in the lives of our Raining Hope family. Continue to pray for the necessary funds for compliance so we can continue to operate.

This song, "Never Lost" by CeCe Winans is powerful. "You can do all things but fail. 'Cause You've never lost a battle. No, You've never lost a battle. And I know, I know, You never will". AMEN! Join us in prayer.

https://youtu.be/ZPHXL8Poku0?si=R6YuLiP_BQov6tY4





SCHOOL FEES: Due to a generous donation, we were able to **complete the school fees for 2023!** The students will not have to repeat this year! Praise the Lord! They are currently finishing national exams and completing this school year!

CHAPTER 26 UPDATES - I apologize I have not posted yet the last entry of Chapter 26! Life happened and interrupted the process. It will happen! Pictures will be posted on the blog as well as Facebook. I pray that you have enjoyed going on the journey with me!

BUDGET - Pray for our **monthly budget needs.** For the **month of November** we were not able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month. Our monthly budget averages \$2,600. **We only were able to send half of what was needed.** Pray for the remaining budget needs for November. Thank you for all who are monthly sponsors of the ministry. We appreciate all your support and encouragement!

END OF YEAR FUNDRAISING - Before COVID we had an annual tamale fundraiser and craft fair in the month of December. Next month we will have a virtual fundraiser for the current needs. Eydie is also available to come to your church to speak and share about all that God is doing in and through our Raining Hope family. Just before COVID hit, we had a successful luncheon hosted at the home of Carol John & Diane Boragno in Maryland. We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas luncheon & presentation. We raised funds at the event towards January school fees. The COVID shutdown prevented us from continuing. We are looking forward to having **more of these individual gatherings** for anyone interested in hosting. If you look on our website www.raininghope.org under the Newsletter tab, "February 2020" edition, you can read about the success of the first fundraising luncheon in Maryland!

Please contact Eydie if you would like more information about hosting a fundraising event. Contact Carol John if you have any questions regarding how to give.

UPDATED WAYS TO MAKE A DONATION

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 - 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.