

RAINING HOPE

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

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After the school challenges of 2020 and 2021, including homeschooling, **ALL** our students are **FINALLY BACK AT SCHOOL!** Praise the Lord!

The school fees are **highest the first term**. The fees this term are high because it is like starting all over again. They are in need of uniforms, shoes, school bags and other supplies. We also have **five students starting post secondary school education!** The second and third terms should be less.

Because the schools have been closed they don't have many of the needed scholastic materials. So the students are being required to bring with them more than normal.

With COVID-19 cases rising in Uganda, the decision was made at least for the first term to **board the children** if possible. It does not involve all of our students.

They have already returned to school due to funds we began collecting. **On page 5 there is the list of our students and the grand total of fees due now** which includes boarding them the first term. We are praying that by term two boarding won't be necessary.

Even though boarding would help to keep the students contained to lessen the possibility of exposure to COVID, Godfrey said those who are not in boarding will start each day a little behind in their studies. Apparently they start earlier with the students who will stay on campus.

Join us as we pray for the students as they are thrilled to go back to studies after two years! Pray the entire school fee amount to be covered. This newsletter is filled with more information on the return to schools as well as an update to **how your support helps give our students a HOPE for a bright future!**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING OUR STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FUTURE

Greeting Sponsors, Friends and Partners with Raining Hope:

We are so thankful for the continued support you have granted to our students. School here means dreams fulfilled and a good future. It is very difficult here to attain a proper education. Many students drop out of school due to lack of school fees. Uneducated children suffer a great deal of things here in Uganda.



Hillary -Seminary



Vivian - Hotel

We are so thankful to Raining Hope for helping take care of our student's school fees. Helping them be in school so that they pursue their academic dreams is a great fulfillment in life.

I am so thankful for your support given to our students so that they can go for their dreams and serve their Church, Nation and Families. May God bless you for such a great support rendered unto them.

With love and thanks,
Godfrey



Sylvia -
Journalism

Schools Reopen in Uganda After Nearly-Two-Year COVID Closure

Facts & Challenges:

1. All students will automatically resume classes **a year above where they left off.**
2. Some students took up manual jobs to support their families through the pandemic and may not return to education. Other students worry they may never catch up on the school work they have missed.
3. According to the National Planning Authority (NPA), up to 30% of students are expected to not return to their school desks due to teen pregnancy, early marriage and child labor.
4. According to Save the Children, up to one in five children in fragile countries, including Uganda, dropped out of school due to rising poverty, child marriage and child labor, which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.
5. The agency warned that of more dropouts as returning students who fell behind in their learning, fear they have no chance of catching up. (Source:Al Jazeera News Agencies - Google)

Godfrey had already sent me the thank you note above. That included how valuable an education is there, yet so many are not given the opportunity. Then I found the above facts in an article from a news agency in Uganda on Google and Godfrey confirmed these facts are true of the situation they are in. It continues to confirm the **support and love you give to make sure our students have an opportunity for an education is a precious gift.** You **ARE making a difference** by making the way for their future. God bless you.

UPDATE ON HOW WE OPERATE AS A HOME IN UGANDA

In **2018, Uganda began cracking down on the multiple illegal homes across the country.** They immediately shut down 569 homes. **Every home had to re-register,** follow new regulations and new requirements. For those of you who are **new to our newsletters,** you can go to our website www.raininghope.org and look under the NEWSLETTER tab to find past editions. Much of 2018-2019 was dedicated to the re-registration process. Here are a **few facts from August 2018 Special Edition to help you understand how our home operates:**

1. As I did more research on the sudden decision to close 569 homes, I was surprised to find it was more than just about illegal homes siphoning money from donors at the expense of the Ugandan children. Hearing that some are using homes for conduits of child trafficking, abusing children's rights for selfish gain brought an "amen" to the closure of these illegal homes.
2. But as I continued my research I also discovered there is a move towards **transitioning from institutional care to home based or community-based care systems.** There is a growing movement to take children back to their families and their communities.
3. In many "orphanages" children can be institutionalized for their whole school life. They call it in Uganda, "keeping them in the gates." So when they turn 20 they **suddenly don't know how to cope with the real world.** They grow up in an environment not having a sense of community or family. They are disconnected from the world. Children in many orphanages that are run by foreigners have the reputation of having **spoiled kids that don't want to do any work.**
4. **Raining Hope is different. We ARE a family.** We have never been categorized as an orphanage because most of our children have a living relative. During school holidays they do go home to connect with relatives and become a positive influence. Since Godfrey has been manager he has been working hard at **teaching our children life skills.** He takes them shopping to learn about budgeting. They each have responsibilities around the house. We have been very intentional about honoring Ugandan culture in the way they live. Our children are deeply loved and they love deeply.
5. **Raining Hope has twenty-one children.** We have been committed to **going deep before going wide** in a movement going in the **RIGHT direction living with highest integrity.** We have been deeply investing through discipleship in all students for the past fifteen years. We wanted to keep our commitment to help **launch them into their careers.**
6. We believe that with the new restrictions and closures, Raining Hope is moving towards **transforming lives through the community.** We will be able to **help a wider group of people** as we develop these community based projects. We are empowering our twenty-one students to reach beyond our walls into the Ambercourt community. We launch in a new direction as one of the few homes that have been allowed to stay opened in Jinja. Godfrey said that our home needs to have a **direct impact on the community.** The government is looking for homes that impact people with their programs.

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7. Under the new regulations and restrictions, **we can't take in new children to go through the process** as we have the past fifteen years. As mentioned on the previous page, there is a growing movement for children to stay with families.

Instead, we are effectively going to be able to **reach MORE children** as we find new ways to **reach out into the community**. In 2018, as part of the restructuring, we had to have **three community projects that we submitted for approval**. Since then, the world has changed. We still are required to have a plan for how we will **best serve the community**. All community based organizations are working together with the government and educational agencies to determine the best plan. More details will come in the coming months. Your prayers and continued support are so appreciated.

8. We currently have six students in secondary school (high school). There are four in Primary and Kindergarten (Elementary). Joan is in her last term of university courses for Social Work. We have five beginning their post secondary school education.
9. There are five students who have graduated from their post secondary education that are still with us and are helping Godfrey at the home (Jesca, Vivian, Sylvia & Hillary). Jonathan has opened up a small pharmacy in a nearby town across the Jinja bridge. He continues to be connected to the family.
10. Secondary School goes through Level 6. But after they pass Level 4 they are given an option to go directly to trade school/post secondary school education. Godfrey informed me that we had three students who don't perform well in studies. They are better off going directly to trade school which is more hands on which they will excel at. That is why we have five students starting post secondary. COVID also delayed Henry who should have begun two years ago. This would be the equivalent of taking the GED here in America to graduate high school early.
11. Our plans include helping launch students into their careers and get settled into their own place. Your donations continue to help this to become a reality. There will be more in the coming months regarding this process. **Thank you for making a difference!**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as SCHOOL FEES etc. or BUDGET and send to our stateside office. If multiple donations come in for a specific need, funds will be placed in the budget to cover the needs. If there is no designation it will go in budget to use at our discretion.

CREDIT CARD: You can also make credit card donations on our website - www.raininghope.org.

TEXT 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.**

If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - 805-377-7387
Mail can be sent directly to Carol John or to our Raining Hope offices in Ventura
Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878

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First Term School Fees, Supplies & Boarding

Senior Secondary School

Sharon	Senior 6
Zuluta	Senior 5
Joanne	Senior 3
Tamarah	Senior 3
Dan	Senior 1
Jemimah	Senior 1

Dreams & Goals

Musician
Accountant
Nurse
Accountant
Business
Accountant



Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Senior Secondary School:

**\$2172 or
\$362 each**

Primary School

Jael	Primary 6
Jireh	Primary 3
Hope	Primary 1

Doctor
Drama
Pilot



Kindergarten Class

Trust	Baby Class
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Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary & Kindergarten School:

**\$876 or
\$219 each**

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Joan	3rd Semester	Social Worker	\$ 548
Difasi	Hotel & Tourism	Tour Guide	\$ 577
Maria	Hotel & Tourism	Chef	\$ 536
Sophia	Fashion Design	Fashion Design	\$ 381
Joel	Electrical Installation	Electrician	\$ 381
Henry	Business Computing	IT Technician	\$ 806

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

\$3,229

GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING :

\$6,277

All fees are currently due now. They have already returned to school.

Without boarding the students the cost would be \$5699 (less \$578)

Please pray with us as we all work together to help our students as they return to school. Godfrey said because of the unique situation, the **studies will be intense** as they all are catching up for the lost two years. The ones we sent to boarding last year were just to prepare for national exams to promote to the next level. **We appreciate you joining us in prayer.**