



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

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To Our Dear Friends, Sponsors and Partners:

Christmas Greetings to you all!

In a special way, I would like to thank God for how far He has brought us as a family. We don't take for granted all He has done for us through you over all these years. We are grateful to always celebrate Christmas with you. As a family here in Uganda, we thank God for the love that you have shown us over the years. We have been amply supplied in all ways from food, to medical care, education of our children, clothing and the rest of the essential needs that help the home to stand. You are such special people to us and we do honor and respect your kindness and generosity. Thank you for making our lives better and using the resources you have to make the world better than you found it. Thank you for allowing God to use you to put a smile on souls here. May God richly bless you.

This Christmas, we celebrate God's fulfillment of His promise to the world. He never fails and He is worthy to be trusted. Our God is a faithful God. The birth of Jesus is a clear testimony of the faithfulness of God and I do pray that the Lord of Heaven will fulfill his promises to you all in this Christmas period. We pray that you will experience the **Love of God** that never fails. We continue to draw you closer to us in our prayers.



We celebrate LOVE and God's faithfulness this Christmas. We love you and treasure you!
Merry Christmas to you all!

Godfrey
Raining Hope Ministries Uganda



RAINING HOPE FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT

For the past ten years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family. Our students live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. Godfrey is the one who will let me know what gift is most needed. Because we are **focusing on getting budget needs caught up and school/university fees were so high**, they didn't think this year we were going to focus on a Christmas gift. **We definitely want to bless the family with a gift!** We will begin raising money this month. They said they can wait until all funds are raised even if this means the gift will be purchased in the beginning of 2026.

There are various needs for the family. But the gift they would need the most is a **new refrigerator**. We bought a freezer awhile ago to help keep food for longer periods. But they go shopping for perishables multiple times a week because they don't have any way to keep things cold. A refrigerator will help them the most. **The cost for the new refrigerator is approximately \$522.**

If you would like to give a separate love offering towards a **Christmas gift for Godfrey** you can mark your donation "Godfrey". With his recent health scare we would also like to bless him with some needed rest. Godfrey also is in need of the new printer in order to make his work easier. He would also appreciate that gift towards the home. **The new printer is approximately \$188.**



HELPING FAMILIES WITH FOOD THIS CHRISTMAS

RAINING HOPE would like to bless at least 15 families with food this Christmas!

This will be for the families of our children. Many families have continued to struggle with the rising cost of food and supplies. We would provide **food baskets** of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar and bread. We also want to provide enough to carry 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.

The cost: \$484 or \$32 per family. Because we are still catching up on budget needs, we will **first raise enough to take care of our student's families.** If additional funds come in we will bless more of the needy families in the community.

If you would like to **sponsor a family or give a designated amount**, please contact Carol John or Mama Eydie. **We would like to send the funds this week so Godfrey has time to purchase the food.**



FAMILY CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MEAL



We would like to provide a **Christmas AND New Year's Meal** for the Raining Hope family. Even our students who have graduated will come back and join with the family to celebrate the season and the ringing in of the New Year.

Annual Christmas & New Year's Meal & Party for the family: \$200

RAINING HOPE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER & JANUARY 2025/2026

This year we are hosting another VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER that will run through the entire month of December and January! The fundraiser will raise the much needed funds for our regular budget and the special projects in this newsletter. We also are preparing for the **first term of school for 2026**. Last year our virtual fundraiser was a huge success thanks to all of you!

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 us this Christmas with your love, support and encouragement. It means the world to our Raining Hope family! You are deeply loved!

IN-DEPTH PRAISE & PRAYER FESTIVAL



Raining Hope will host the 4th Annual **In-Depth Praise service on December 7, 2025**. This event is intended to **give God praise for all He has done** throughout the year. It was birthed from the series of teachings Godfrey taught four years ago about the **power of Praising God**. The day of the event they will have a time of Thanksgiving and Praise and observe holy communion in the morning. In the afternoon they continue with the event. There will be two teams from sister churches in Jinja that will come and serve. They also have two guest artists that will lead praise and present special songs. They have invited neighbor and sister churches to attend. They expect no less than 200 people in attendance. The main choir will be led by our Sylvia. The event starts on December 7th from 3 pm - 6 pm, East African time (4 am-7 am PST). Please pray for Godfrey as he preaches. Pray that the Lord will touch His people. Pray God uses Raining Hope for His glory alone!





TELLING THE GREATEST STORY OF ALL

Last year, I wrote this article for the California Southern Baptist Convention for the California Connections segment. Our granddaughter had just been born that month. It is hard to believe that we just celebrated her first birthday! I shared the link last year to read the full article. <https://csbc.com/resource/telling-the-greatest-story-of-all/> My granddaughter inspired me to look at Christmas with new awe and wonder. As this Christmas is starting to get filled with excitement, **I needed the reminder of what I wrote last year to keep focused on the simplicity and wonder of Christmas.** Here is a portion of the article. You can still use the link to read the full article.

"In the animated special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas", Linus recites the Christmas story from Luke 2. He concludes by simply stating, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

It IS that simple. The GREATEST story ever told.

Yes, Christmas keeps us all busy. We have presents to buy, Christmas cards to write, decorations to put up, cookies to bake and family gatherings to prepare for. We find ourselves needing phrases such as "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" to help us keep the main thing the main thing. It is easy to get sidetracked from simply celebrating the birth of our Savior.

This year, our family was given a very precious gift that is helping me to see Christmas with new eyes filled with HOPE, WONDER and LOVE. Our daughter and her husband just gave birth to their first child. I am a first time grandma this Christmas!

We have been waiting with **great anticipation** for the arrival of this child. She had not even been born yet, **but everything about our lives revolved around this tiny human.**

We anticipated. We waited. She arrived!

It made me wonder, **"Do I wait with the same anticipation each Christmas to celebrate our Savior's birth on December 25th?"** Or am I more focused on getting my long list completed?

Does MY life truly revolve around Jesus?

The first time I met our granddaughter after she was born, there were tears of joy at **holding this baby who we have been praying for. Their baby. No words. Just LOVE.** My most precious moments are when I am holding her and she just seems to stare in **wonder and awe.**

For the first time I wondered, "What did Mary and Joseph feel when they first looked into the eyes of their baby? What did the shepherds and the wise men feel when they set their eyes on this long awaited One?"

Do we look at Jesus with the same wonder and awe? This year, I see Christmas with a new set of eyes.

Quietly holding our granddaughter in the early morning hours has caused me to put everything aside and just be present and in awe.

The simplicity of a newborn child. The simple story of the birth of our Savior.

Our grandchild has found her way straight to our hearts. Has Jesus found His way to your heart?

MAKE ROOM - Casting Crowns https://youtu.be/uYHpJnfy2lQ?si=u9hCd8_hlavNghba

"Is there room in your heart - **For God to write His story?**" That is what Christmas IS all about.

Christmas will never be the same for me again. Wonder. Awe. Hope. Love. For our newest family member. For Jesus.

Experience His PEACE and WONDER this Christmas as you **"ADORE HIM, Christ the Lord"**.
With love and gratefulness for YOU this Christmas! *Mama Eydie Kisakye*



1. **SCHOOL FEES** - Praise Report! **The second term school fees for Joanne were all covered!** Praise the Lord!
2. **BUDGET** - We are thankful for our sponsors who sacrificially support Raining Hope each month. **Thank you for reading the newsletter monthly to pray for our projects and our regular needs.** We still need your prayers as our monthly sponsorships don't cover the full budget amount. **We need about \$500 a month more in regular monthly sponsorships.** This month we are short and not able to send the full amount. The budget needs in Uganda average close to \$2,400 a month. **Our biggest need right now is to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs.** We appreciate your prayers for these provisions.
3. **COMPLIANCE RENEWAL** - We still need to complete or at least be in progress of the two compliance projects before the compliance officers return to renew our license. We are in jeopardy of not receiving a renewal if we haven't started the **Community Support Hospital Project or the Repairing the Shelter.**
4. **NEW PRINTER:** Please be in prayer as we are in need of a new printer. Godfrey has looked at various printers and there is one that will cost **\$188.** The current printer has run its course. Godfrey needs the printer for Raining Hope office paperwork.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **compliance, Christmas gift etc.** you would mark your check **"CHRISTMAS BASKET" or "CHRISTMAS GIFT"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **regular 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.

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

ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle **from your online banking account**

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount

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

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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.