# RAINING HOPE

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

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To the Raining Hope Sponsors and Partners.

Special greetings to you our dear friends, sponsors and partners. I hope this email finds you well. I do praise God for you and all that you are doing for Raining Hope Ministries here in Uganda.

Every September 9th, we commemorate when we **officially became Raining Hope.** This would not have been possible without your support. God has used you to make Raining Hope what it is today. Through you lives have been impacted. On July 29, 2023, while our Mum Eydie Kisakye was here, we **graduated and sent off five students** as a milestone in this ministry. Seeing these five students graduate and are now ready to move on and be the light in the world was only possible by your support and love. Thank you so much for your unwavering support towards realizing the dreams of many here in Uganda, Africa and standing with our Mum for all that God has put in her for us. She carried all your love to us while she was here and we had a great moment with her.

Thinking of all that you are and done to us as a ministry, I congratulate you all for the 14th Anniversary of becoming Raining Hope. Thank you for walking with us all this far. Thank you for all that you have done for us and continue to do so that God's purpose may be realized through us all.

I pray that the good Lord may comfort those who mourn, heal those among you who are sick and continue to provide for every need.

May the peace of God guard your hearts in such a broken world.

We love you and pray for you! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Godfrey and the Raining Hope Family!



Irene, Godfrey, Hope, Trust

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#### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023







Sylvia, Vivian, Mum, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

Sylvia, Vivian, Godfrey, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

**THANK YOU to everyone for praying for my recent trip to Uganda!** There are currently 15 updates detailing all of the events. Thank you for taking the time to read each one. I appreciate everyone who wrote a word of encouragement to me by email. I will be adding pictures and videos in the next couple of weeks to the blog that you can find on our website **www.raininghope.org** under the "travel blog" tab. The 16th update will be completed by next week.

**The Send Off Celebration** was a great success. In **Updates #4 and #5**, you will find all the details about the celebration as we joyfully celebrated Joan, Jesca, Hillary, Sylvia and Vivian! To know what this milestone meant to our organization can be summed up with these words from Godfrey. *"It's a real thing here to have organizations graduate and send off students because many misbehave and are sent out of organizations. Others drop out and other don't have the opportunity for any education up to university. I am thankful to God for using all of you to that extent. I am persuaded by faith that we shall experience another Graduation and Send Off as the Lord gives grace and provision. With the four finishing this year and then Henry next year, I am thankful to God that He fulfills His promise even amidst challenges. Nothing fails him even as we face challenges, Yet, we hold unto the promises of God and serve His purposes alone."* 

All of your support throughout the past 16 1/2 years have made this possible. **YOU are why we celebrate today.** 



Introduction

Thank you.

**The Introduction and Wedding of Hilary and Florence** were absolutely breathtaking and beautiful. Update #6 is about the **Introduction.** The main updates regarding the **Wedding Ceremony** are found in #14 and #15. In our special edition newsletter you will hear a heartfelt thank you from both of them. But here are a few words from Hilary regarding the Send Off and Wedding:

"The Send Off was a success because we had some of our friends and family plus neighbors that came to be part of this day. What they witnessed gave them a broader picture of what Raining Hope is all about. We were smartly dressed up in our gowns ready to begin life outside Raining Hope. We also take this opportunity to thank you for the prayers and support towards our wedding. We are really humbled and overwhelmed by your love. We are now a husband and wife that is to say Mr, & Mrs. and we are so happy together. May God bless you more!"



Hilary & Florence Wedding



Норе



**Raining Hope Family** 





Our students are excited to finish the third term of this school year!

**Four more of our students will finish their certificates this year** which is a great achievement for us and the ministry. **Difasi & Maria** are in their last year of Hotel & Tourism. **Sophia** is in her last year of Fashion and Design. **Joel** is completing his Electrical Installation courses. **Henry** will complete

his Business Degree in the spring of 2024. Wow! We are so incredibly proud of all our students.

Because they are **finalizing their certificate programs** this term, their requirements, registrations for national examinations, and project requirements **raised the fee structure.** They will be left with their internship and graduation fees.

**The third term school fees are higher than normal for all students.** Uganda's Education System has made many new changes in the National school curriculum and policies. These changes have slowly been happening since returning from the interruption due to the COVID shutdown. This new curriculum requires more projects, field work, industrial training and more requirements even for secondary education.

It was so heartwarming to hear the precious testimonies of our first **Send Off graduates.** Hilary, Sylvia, Vivian, Joan and Jesca are so thankful for your support, prayers and love given to them over all these years. They all said without the support of Raining Hope, they don't know where they would be today. It is a valuable gift to make sure our students have an opportunity to have an education so their dreams become a reality. YOU are making a difference in the lives of these students.

Each of the five graduates has a thank you note that will be included in a special edition newsletter. **Page 4 has a** complete listing of the Third Term School fees, supplies and boarding. Please keep us in prayer this week as we need to send as much as possible so they can begin classes.

### 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 - <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.

## THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

#### **Senior Secondary School**

| Zuluta  | Senior 6 |
|---------|----------|
| Joanne  | Senior 5 |
| Tamarah | Senior 5 |
| Dan     | Senior 3 |
| Jemimah | Senior 2 |

#### **Dreams & Goals**

Accountant Nurse Accountant **Business** Accountant

| Sub-total for Scho | ol fees & Supplies for Senior Secor | ndary School: \$1815 or \$363 each |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Primary School     |                                     |                                    |
| Jael               | Primary 7                           | Doctor                             |
| Jireh              | Primary 5                           | Drama                              |
| Норе               | Primary 2                           | Pilot                              |
| Trust              | Primary 1                           |                                    |

#### Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary & Kindergarten School: \$1057 or \$264 each

#### Post Secondary School/Trade School

| Difasi | Hotel & Tourism         | Tour Guide     | \$ 447 |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Maria  | Hotel & Tourism         | Chef           | \$ 409 |
| Sophia | Fashion Design          | Fashion Design | \$ 502 |
| Joel   | Electrical Installation | Electrician    | \$ 441 |
| Henry  | Business Computing      | IT Technician  | \$1102 |

#### Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Post Secondary School/Trade School \$2901 **GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING DUE NOW** \$5773

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 September 18, 2023



Difasi





# **Our Next Five Graduates!**





Dan

Henry

Sophia