

RAINING HOPE

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

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TO ALL OUR DEAR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS.

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that you are all fine and the Lord has kept you. I bring special greetings from our hearts here in Uganda to you all.

As we come to the end of this year, we are so thankful to God for His mercy and love that He has continued to show us through you. We are still battling COVID19 as a nation and the world at the same time. I pray that the God of heaven may comfort those who have lost their loved ones with COVID19 and other diseases. We stand with you in prayers every time we meet during our devotion time.

Otherwise, I would like to thank you for supporting us as a ministry over the years. When we look back, we see the footsteps of the kind heart of God through you. Thank you for loving us this much in all ways and to ensure that we are amply supplied. These are difficult times and yet we have not experienced lack or even a moment of abandonment. Our Mum Eydie Kisakye has taken these two years without coming to Uganda because of the pandemic and yet she has continued to extend her love to us through the social media platforms and to inform us of your continued love and support.

Amidst the pandemic, God has provided food, medication, school fees and other necessities through you. We are so thankful for the security cameras that are up to help improve our security as a family. We thank God who has continued to protect us as a nation amidst the terrorist challenges we have faced.

As we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are excited to celebrate with you. May God richly bless your kindness and support. Our prayer for you this Christmas is that God keep you and satisfy you with His love. Even as we are still battling COVID19, may His love fill your hearts that we all may grasp how deep, wide, long and high His love for us is. We do wish you all a blessed celebration of the birth and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May He comfort you all and heal those who are paining from various illnesses. We know that He will continue to keep you to the end.

We love you all and have you in our hearts. May the good God be with and enable you to rejoice in the coming year of 2022!

Blessings and peace, Godfrey, Raining Hope Uganda





IN REMEMBRANCE



On November 30, 2021, the mother of Sophia, Zuluta and Waiswa (a former student), passed away due to complications from HIV/AIDS. Her name was Asinde Justine and she was 54 years old. Justine led a very challenging life. Her husband abandoned her when she gave birth to triplets thirteen years ago. One baby did not survive. She has been living with the two remaining twins. There has been another community based organization that has been providing their school fees. Currently their equivalent of our "social services" is trying to determine who will now care for these twins.

Justine and the twins have been living in an extreme poverty situation. Godfrey has been helping the family with food and medicine as much as possible. The mother tried to sell beads and other crafts in order to survive. The rest of her family (including other children and siblings) are just as much in need.

Godfrey was called to come when she was taken to the hospital. Once she passed, the burial happened by the next day. The costs included were for medical/hospital bills, the ambulance to transport the body, treating the body, burial, and transport to the village where she is from. The other organization helped to purchase the coffin and take care of some of the transport fees. The small community she lived in also raised some of the money. We were able to send the balance to take care of the rest of the bills as well as provide food for those who were at the burial.

Godfrey said Zuluta and Sophia are standing strong in the Lord. Listening to his story of the hard life the mother lived, **I am thankful through your support we are able to help Sophia and Zuluta to have that hope for a better future.** He said the way the mother died was so very sad. Pray for Godfrey as he is dealing with multiple family meetings. Culturally there are many unique circumstances that he needs wisdom and discernment to handle. Pray especially for Babiye and Kato, the twins. Godfrey already has had opportunity to share the love of Christ. We are thankful for our older students, Henry, Hillary, Joan, Silvia and Vivian who have been a tremendous help to Godfrey & Irene throughout the care of Justine. We have an amazing family. God is good all the time.



CHECKS: Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as CHRISTMAS GIFT 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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ANNUAL TAMALES FUNDRAISER

Unfortunately, this year we will not **host the Annual Tamale Fundraiser in person.** Our event normally includes a time of fellowship, worship and open house to pick up tamales and browse the Christmas craft boutique. Out of love and care for our neighbors and loved ones we made the decision to **not host a gathering for one more year.**

We will be hosting a virtual fundraiser that will run through the month of December! The fundraiser will raise funds for the anticipated first term of school for 2022 as well as other needs listed in this newsletter. A separate email will be sent with more details of how you can participate!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT & CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MEAL

For the past six years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family. Our children live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. Giving one main gift has worked beautifully! **As a family, Godfrey said this year the gift that would mean the most would be clothing and shoes for each one.** They are all in need of new clothing.



The cost would be approximately \$868 or \$38 per Raining Hope family member. Designate your gift as "Christmas Gift" if you would like to give towards their clothing and shoes.

We also want to provide extra funds for their Christmas feast and New Year's celebration. Cost will be **\$200 to cover the food for both meals.**

HELPING FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS



RAINING HOPE would like to bless 12 families with food this Christmas. This will be for the families of our children and a few in our community. We have been blessed to have all our food needs met during the pandemic. Yet, many others have continued to struggle. We would provide food baskets of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread and butter. We also want to provide enough to carry them through the New Year. The cost is **\$408 or \$34 per family.** If you would like to sponsor a Christmas food basket designate your gift as "Christmas Food".



PRAYER REQUESTS

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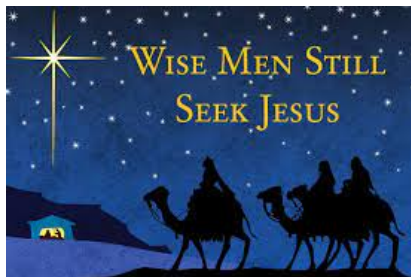
1. **FOOD SUPPLY** - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget this year.

2. **COMPLIANCE-**

All faith-based and non-governmental organizations operating within the city of Jinja must re-register under the new compliance changes due to the city of Jinja incorporating. We anticipated this happening. But due to the current terror attacks, there is a need to scrutinize all organizations. The city security officers claimed that some organizations have been funding terrorists.

We received a surprise visit as part of the re-registration process. **They were extremely pleased with our organization.** They were thankful we already had the security cameras installed. They are aware we will be adding four more cameras at the front gate.

3. **DENTAL ISSUES** - Recently we had dental issues with Annet and Jael that required root canals and crowns. There is an organization and dental hospital called "Hope Smile" which offers good dental services. They were concerned about the dental health of all our children. They offered to come and do a dental checkup for everyone at half the price. They will then have a recommendation and dental plan for each one. This is important to help with their current dental issues and cutting down future dental costs.



SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE

Last month we highlighted the **gaps in our security system** due to the recent break-in. Recently, a friend informed Godfrey of **men outside our compound** who looked suspicious.. This is in the area near the front gate where we need to install additional security cameras.

The cost for four additional cameras, equipment and labor is \$852. This is an immediate need to help keep the family safe.

Since the last newsletter there were **two more terrorist attacks.** Things are very unstable at the moment in regards to security and safety. I had planned to finally be able to return to Uganda to celebrate the New Year. However, **due to safety issues we decided it was best to continue to wait.** One of the things we have all been affected by the last two years is not being able to be with loved ones. But we all agreed that it is in the **best interest of the family and the ministry** for me to wait just a little bit longer. We will continue to do what is needed here on our end to make sure the Raining Hope family has what they need.

We can't express enough how **grateful** we are to all our sponsors and supporters who continue to pray and sacrificially support monthly especially over the past two challenging years. We are deeply honored by your love and support. God has used each one of you to make s tremendous difference in the lives of these precious individuals. We thank you and pray the Lord blesses you and your families abundantly this Christmas!

