

RAINING HOPE

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

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Congratulations!

We want to announce the birth of the newest edition to the Raining Hope family! Godfrey & Irene are proud parents of another baby girl! She was born on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Culturally, the choosing of a name in Uganda is something that takes time. We are used to having a name for a birth certificate before leaving the hospital. But a name for a newborn in Uganda has much to do about their identity and purpose in the world. We are in prayer about what name this beautiful baby girl will carry. As that name is confirmed, we will announce it in the next newsletter.

For now, she is home with the rest of our Raining Hope family! Praise the Lord!

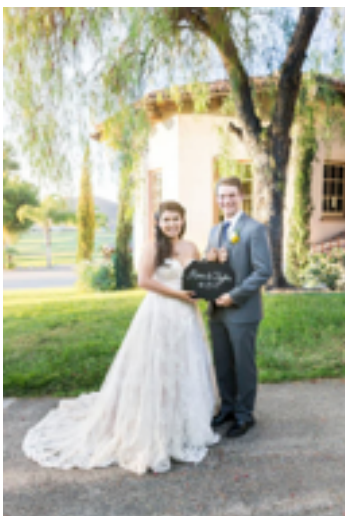
Mission Week Update



Thank you to all who have sent congratulations on Kiana & Taylor's Wedding! We love and appreciate you all!

If you would like to see some of the wedding photos, you can go to <http://peterson-photography.blogspot.com/2017/08/kiana-taylor-6-25-2017-wedding-in.html>

We are so thankful for Pederson Design & Photography for these amazing wedding photos! They captured the heart of the wedding day perfectly! Thanks to Marisa & Tim Pederson for blessing us with a gift we will cherish forever!



Raining Hope Ministries has planned a Mission's Emphasis from **August 14-September 3, 2017**. The purpose of this mission is to reach the unsaved in our communities. Our Raining Hope family joined by other members of the church take the lead in this mission of God.

Mission Strategy:

August 14-19, 2017: Prayer and fasting, dedicating ourselves and the community before God. We are so thankful for the mandate God has given us to reach out to our community.

August 21-26, 2017: Door-to-door evangelism reaching the communities around Raining Hope. The door-to-door evangelism strategy is simply for two people to one person and preach the gospel to them, pray with them and invite them for a Love Sunday which is September 3, 2017.

August 28-30, 2017: Open Air Evangelism: At Kaita Bawala community where we have one of the prayer meetings.

August 31-September 2, 2017: Open Air Evangelism - Ambercoart Community (Raining Hope)

September 3, 2017: Love Sunday Every last Sunday of the month we dedicate to a **Love Sunday**. September 3rd is designed for seekers. We have food and/or tea depending on what we can raise. The service is organized in such a way that it is mission oriented. The choir, program leader, children's Sunday School, and praise and worship are designed to evangelize during the service. We chose songs with the intention of reaching out to those who come during the service. We prepare church members to show love to those who come. The Raining Hope choir will sing. Hillary will lead the program as usual. Vivian will lead the ushering & welcoming of people. Irene will teach the children in Sunday School. Older Joan and Sylvia will lead the music as other church members are also involved. Through such a service we expect:

1. To minister to the seekers and see many turn to the Lord.
2. Show the love of Christ to the hurting world.
3. Unite as a family as we break bread together.
4. Pray for the sick, hurting and discouraged in life.
5. Bring back hope to the people through the ministry of the Word.

Please keep our Raining Hope family in your prayers the next few weeks as they reach out to a lost world. Our children are a Beacon of Hope bringing glory to God!

TESTIMONIES FROM RAINING HOPE MINISTRIES



There is a family that has stayed long in the area that we are in. The mother in that family used to come to our in-depth Bible study service every Friday. One time she became seriously ill. We went and prayed for her, took care of her, and she got better. Her children & husband were all away. After she got better, she questioned; “does such love still exist? God has challenged my heart because I didn’t know that such churches still are there”. She said even though she comes to Raining Hope Ministries mostly on Fridays, we made her part of a family. After some weeks, three of her children started worshiping with us and **two gave their lives to Christ**. They used to go to church but didn’t know the gospel. One was born again but not disciplined. God changed the lives of these children. During the last outreach we had in March, they were on the team that went out to evangelize. Two joined the choir and are ministering well. When I and Irene visited that family, we were welcomed and they were all excited for our coming. I was humbled by what came out of the mouth of the father in that family of about nine, He said for the time he has been in Ambercoart, he is excited that we started a ministry that has changed his family. He said one of his girls was so shy and couldn’t even stand before people, But he was surprised that she went out and preached the gospel and also is serving in the choir. He was thankful that we are having good reports from people in the community and was so amazed by the works of grace that we showed his wife when she was sick. He said that if you are in need, the last place you go today is church because you will not be helped. He said that there is a lot of selfishness in some churches and it is breaking people’s hearts. He continued to say that most people who come to Raining Hope are testifying of the truthfulness of the gospel preached, the lively worship & the love and care that is evident here. He again said that what he sees happening in the life of his family is as a result of the Raining Hope Ministry. This is the only place he feels safe for his children to grow spiritually from and I pray that Raining Hope continues without distraction. **He asked that we pray for him that he will live to see what God is yet to do in & through Raining Hope**. He promised to visit one Sunday since he has a church that he goes to in town. The wife was speechless and just thankful to God for having found a place which they can call home.

Sunday school: Our Sunday school service for the children started with very few children sitting in front of the office to hear the word of God. Slowly children are increasing and now they are in the average of **sixty children for the period of two months**. One of the church members felt called to teach the children. She is a teacher in an International School in Jinja. I love her skill in teaching children and her commitment. She is called Claire working and works with our Tamarah. There are about five more people that are interested in being trained to teach Sunday school. I have organized with the Director of Children Evangelism Fellowship from South Sudan currently living in Uganda and a school mate at Alpha Seminary to train Sunday school teachers this month. He accepted to offer his service free. I will be teaching alongside him since I was also trained in Children’s Ministry. . He is doing all this thanking God for rescuing Him from the war in South Sudan. The children also have now a children’s choir. Praise God!

Godfrey, Manager of Raining Hope Ministries Uganda



August 19 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The Neighborhood Church

3435 San Anselme Avenue - Long Beach 90808

I was just asked to participate in the event as one of the missionaries to speak to the children. Please keep me in your prayers as I share about what God is doing in Uganda at Raining Hope!

“Children's Missions Day will be an exciting, fun-filled day for children in grades 1-6, featuring mission-focused activities.

Play games, make crafts, do a missions project and meet missionaries!

The Explosion is for

- RA's (Royal Ambassadors)
- GA's (Girls in Action)
- CA's (Children in Action) Kids on Mission
- All boys and girls in grades 1-6

Only \$10 per person! One leader free with every six children registered per church. (NO DROP-OFFS). You can register at the event or go online to www.csbc.com for more info.