

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## Happy New Year from the Family at Raining Hope!



My annual trip to Uganda that normally occurs in January has been moved up! This will be trip #23 for me since I was called to Uganda ten years ago. I currently am in route to Uganda sitting at the Dubai Airport as I write this. The dates of the trip are December 28, 2016-January 10, 2017. Raining Hope will be hosting an overnight New Year's celebration. This is a traditional & cultural night of praise & worship, sharing of God's Word and praying in the New Year! This will be a first for Raining Hope to host this at our house! It will be the first time in over four years that I will be able to be in Uganda to usher in the New Year!

Please be in prayer as we need to raise approximately \$2,400 to cover the airfare, hotel, and other travel costs. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Carol John.

We love you,

Mama Eydie Kisakye,  
Godfrey & the Children of  
Raining Hope



UPDATE: I have returned from my 23rd trip! The updates are posted at [www.raininghopeuganda.blogspot.com](http://www.raininghopeuganda.blogspot.com) that includes some photos from the trip. I am currently catching up and have posted up to Update #6. I am working on having them complete by next week!



**UPDATE~ This Christmas the family at Raining Hope shared the love of Christ by blessing the families of our children and the neighbors next to our house with a Christmas meal of rice and beef.**

Most of our children have guardians or one parent that they visit during the Christmas holiday. For the first time we will be visiting all the immediate families of our children and taking them a traditional

Christmas meal of rice and beef. The growing issue of famine is driving the cost of living higher than usual. **Taking families a Christmas meal was a huge gesture of love from the Raining Hope family to point to the true Giver of the greatest gift of all - JESUS.** Godfrey has written a thank you note with words of testimony from some of the families that appears on page 4.

We want to thank Grace Fellowship in Duarte for taking on this project. Ricky MacDonald's Grace Group collected above & beyond what was needed at the time to cover the cost to feed the twenty families of our children and a few families in our neighborhood.

**Yet, there was a twist in our story.** From the time that we took on this project, to the actual buying of food, the cost of the beef & rice had increased a substantial amount because of the famine. Godfrey also had added two more families he wanted to bless. **We began to pray.** Raining Hope was able to add some to the amount given by Grace Fellowship. But Godfrey was concerned in order to take care of the twenty two families, he would have to decrease the actual amount we had planned to give so that everyone would have a meal.

In the Bible there is the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with just a few loaves of bread and a few fish, We prayed that He would multiply what was given and there would be more than enough. You will see in Godfrey's thank you note, that we **actually fed twenty eight families AND added a meal at the house on Christmas inviting others to join them!** Our God is so good!!! Amen!

## Prayer for First Term School Fees

**Our children will start a new school year on February 3rd.** The first term is always the highest of the three terms. A term is approximately three months. We have 27 students (one is Hope and not yet in school. The other is Hillary who is working on his post secondary school education choices.)

**SCHOOL FEES FOR FIRST TERM: School fees & Supplies for 21 students: \$2496**

**School fees & supplies for 2 nursing students (Jonathan & Jesca): \$781 (should have been \$1,202 but we had a credit of \$421)**

**New post secondary school student - Silvia! She will be entering Broadcasting school! Fees and supplies: \$353.**

**Older Joan completed cosmetology courses and now on internship! Fees for graduation & reports: \$73**

**Total for all 25 students: \$3704**



### Nursing Station Requirements:

Inspection Bed: \$441

Cabinet for drugs: \$103

Equipment (drip stand, blood pressure machine, thermometers, stethoscope, syringes, gloves, bandages, plaster for casting, trolley, cotton wool, scissors, malaria testing strips) - \$400

Medicines - \$102

**TOTAL NEEDED TO SET UP NURSING STATION: \$1,046**

### Office Requirements:

Office Table: \$118

Chairs: \$103

**TOTAL NEEDED TO SET UP OFFICIAL OFFICE: \$221**

**As soon as we raise the needed funds for the nursing station & office, we will call for the final inspection!** This is exciting news for Raining Hope! Please join us in prayer.

## New Certification Requirements:

**Raining Hope in Uganda is registered as a Community Based Organization (CBO).** This means we can only operate in the district we are registered in which currently is Jinja. Because our children are FROM other districts we need to register as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). This allows us to help the families of our children and do outreach anywhere in the nation. A CBO has to go through registration every year. As a CLG we would officially be registered in the nation of Uganda and not have to go through this process annually any longer.

In Uganda, the law provides two paths to register for non-profit organizations such as ours, CLG and NGO. Many ministries are now opting to register as CLG's due to strict laws & issues that minimizes organizational privacy as an NGO.

We have already started the process of applying as a CLG. We have passed every part of the application & are highly favored by those that are a part of the screening.

### Before the final inspection, there are two final requirements:

- 1) **A nursing station** to handle emergencies before taking the children to the hospital. We need to be in position to offer first aid.
- 2) **An official office** to handle future developments & all operations of the home & ministry.

Two of our students, Jonathan & Jessica are currently in nursing school. Having our nursing station will encourage them in their clinical work.



The certification requirements are first priority. Our ongoing prayer request for renovations are:

1. New Roof - \$4974
2. Electrical repairs \$366
3. Plumbing - \$1318
4. Rain Water Harvest Tank - \$1,068
5. Painting Boy's Quarters - \$1,026
6. Painting Main House - Waiting on estimate

Donations can be made by sending a check to our stateside office. Address listed on front page. You can also make credit card donations on our website [www.raininghope.org](http://www.raininghope.org)

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## **A Word of thank you from Godfrey to Grace Fellowship**



We greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has enabled us to have life in Abundance and has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly.

We would love to thank you all as a church for the great work you've done to support Raining Hope Ministries. As a ministry, we realized a need for supporting families here in Uganda which were starving due to the ongoing famine. Cost of living has increased especially for food because of drought conditions. We are so thankful to God that having

heard the need to help, you responded with love to support these families. We originally planned to help twenty families. These are the relatives of our Raining Hope children plus a few of our neighbors. The praise is we were able to provide food to twenty six families of both our children and the neighborhood. As a home, we also had a special Christmas meal and asked other families to join us. We used the same resources to provide meals to members that fellowship with us on Sundays. This Christmas gesture was such a land mark in people's lives. One family came to me and all they were saying was that they are speechless and one even shed tears of joy. Families were thankful to God for such great support.

We want to say thank you so much for such a big heart and kindness towards the people of God. May God continue to build you up for his own purpose and glory. May He reward your selfless giving and support to the cry of the needy. God has used you to blessed us in so many ways.

Thanks you so much for loving us and we wish you a fruitful 2017. Happy New Year.

Love you all!

In Christ Jesus our Savior.

Godfrey - Manager of Raining Hope Ministries, Uganda



Maria & her mum



Vivian & her mum