

RAINING HOPE

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

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Update on Famine/Rain

Praise the Lord! Uganda is receiving some rain! Reports from friends in Kampala show more rain there than in Jinja. Godfrey reported this: “The government decided to support schools with food in over 22 Districts to combat famine, this is a good move that all people are happy with, and it is a good start though most homes remain struggling. There is a great sign of rain and these days we’ve been receiving some rain which show that in March we may have plenty of rain. We believe that these prices which are shooting will come down at the first harvest when it rains and that will be around June.” Amen! Thanks for praying with us for the rains to come. Keep praying!



One of only a couple of eucalyptus trees that survived our planting to create a natural fence.

Farming Project



While I was in Uganda in January, Godfrey, Robert & Andrew (from hotel) and myself went to visit our land on Lake Victoria. We went to meet with the person who is taking care of our land. Through much research and prayer, we have determined that we will move forward on using this land for our farming project. Ironically, the famine caused us to look at keeping this piece of land even though we discussed selling it to purchase something closer to the house.

Our land sits on the banks of Lake Victoria. We actually can pump water from the lake for irrigation purposes. If we were to purchase property near the house, we would not have that option. In the midst of drought conditions, we would have no way to water the crops.

Godfrey gave this analysis, "For the first season, because we are buying equipment and dealing with the surveying and other land title issues, it will cost and we may not have much cut in our monthly budget. But in the next season of harvesting after we have started, this project will meet 45% of our monthly budget. This can be reduced 27% if our crops have a good yield. This applies to food supplies. Therefore, the farming project can save us approximately \$5,275 annually. This savings can be higher depending on the yield."

We have waited on God for how to use this piece of land. There were too many obstacles to building the home there. Distance from town, proximity of good schools and medical care were all taken into consideration. Since we can purchase a water pump to water the crops, even in the midst of the ongoing drought, we would be able to grow our own food.

Please be in prayer as we continue to proceed in the new adventure towards becoming self-sustainable. We are going to try to secure grants in order to help us realize this dream.

Surveying and land title processing \$702

Fencing using eucalyptus trees: \$674 (We planted trees for a natural boundary once before but only a few trees survived because of lack of water. This will not happen this time with the water pump)

Water pump & other tools/equipment: \$1503 (We have this figure broken down to exactly what needs to be purchased)

Seeds and Farming: \$391 (Includes Tomato, maize, rice, onion, greens, carrots and Matooke seeds)

Chemicals (fertilizers etc.) \$65

Total budget to begin Farming Project: \$3,335





Speaking Opportunity!

Eydie has been invited to return to speak at the **Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Fellowship in the Pass on Saturday, March 18, 2017**. The event will begin at 9:00 am at 650 Oak Valley Parkway, Beaumont, CA 92223.

I will be giving them an update of what God is doing at Raining Hope Ministries. Their theme this year is "From My Heart to Yours." I am excited to share what God is doing in the hearts of our children in Uganda. That love is sweeping across the city and making its way across the world to hearts here in America!

Please be in prayer for me as I prepare to share. Pray for Heather who will join me to bring all of our crafts. This church is home for Bradyn who has served in Uganda twice. Two of our strong sponsors, Kim & Janice are also members here!

So thankful for the opportunity to return to this wonderful group of women! If you live near by please join us! I would love to see some of our former team members. Let me know if you can make it!

Special Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for the nation of Uganda. Godfrey contacted me today (Friday, March 17th) to inform me the Assistant Police Chief, Andrew Kaweesi was killed. I looked it up online and this was from an article in the Standard newspaper:

"Unknown gunmen killed the spokesman for Uganda's police force and also his bodyguard and driver early on Friday as the official left his home in the capital Kampala, a government spokesman said. Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIGP) Andrew Felix Kaweesi and the two other victims were killed in Kulambiro, a suburb in the north of the capital, Ofwono Opondo, the government spokesman, told Reuters. "He (Kaweesi) was waylaid this morning by yet unknown gunmen. All the occupants of the vehicle were killed," Opondo said. No further details were immediately available and the motive of the gunmen was unclear."

Godfrey's prayer request included this, "Pray for our country as this has caused terror with many people throughout the country. As a nation we are mourning the assassination of our assistant police chief by an unknown person. We loved him but have lost him."

I talked with Godfrey and he said that this is a very sensitive time. There was a significant increase in those who came to Friday Night Bible Study after hearing the news of Kaweesi being killed. People are seeking the Lord and the Word in the midst of uncertainty. Pray for Godfrey and Raining Hope Ministries as they minister to the needs of those who are seeking answers and

Continued renovation needs:

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
7. Guitars - \$620 (These are on loan from the crusade. The shop owner is allowing us to make payments on the guitars so we can keep using them.)

Due to time constraints of the golf tournament organizers, we will not be having the annual Raining Hope Golf Classic this year. Please stay tuned for other news regarding spring fundraisers!

MARCH 2017

GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR OUR OFFICE & NURSING STATION!

PRAISE THE LORD! We had an **individual make a generous donation of \$1300** to help us set up the **nursing station & office!** We are now ready for the final inspection for us to receive our certification of a **Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)**. This allows us to help the families of our children and to do outreach anywhere in the nation. Once we are approved we will not have to go through registration annually which we have had to do as a Community Based Organization.



There are other benefits to the setting up the nursing station at the home. Two of our students, Jonathan & Jesca are nursing

students. This will encourage them in their clinical work. We also accumulate high hospital bills monthly due especially to malaria cases. Having the official nursing station will help us to handle minor injuries, administer malaria



mediation in the early stages before having to take patients to the hospital. This will save us a tremendous amount of money each month. Godfrey expresses his

thanks to all of you for taking care of the health needs of our children.

SPECIAL THANKS

We thank God for the provision at the house and the ministry. We now have the office and nursing station and we hope people are going to be served by this.

We are continuing with the series about prayer. One of the series we studied in this first quarter of the year was intercession & going to God on others behalf.

We celebrated Women's International Day on Wednesday of this month. For women, we will pray for women everyday this month that God's glory will be unveiled in a way that we have not known before throughout this whole year. Thank you for your support of all of us at Raining Hope.

Joan on behalf of the Raining Hope Family